

## MINISTERS OF ENTENTE POWERS ARE CONSIDERING REPLY TO PROPOSAL MADE BY GERMANY AND HER ALLIES

Answer Has Been Prepared in Paris and is Subject of Discussion; London Press Comments on Berlin's Note to President Wilson; Regarded as Showing Germany's Eagerness to End War

London, Dec. 27.—Communications continue to pass between the capitals of the entente allied nations regarding the reply to be made to the peace proposals of the central powers and their allies. The answer has been prepared in Paris and is now the subject of discussion between the various ministers.

It is unlikely that any steps will be taken by Great Britain and the other countries of the entente with regard to President Wilson's note and its Swiss counterpart until the entente allies have dealt with the German proposals. It is understood here that the reply does not give specific terms, but refers generally to the objects of the allies. Those participating in the discussion speak of the difficulty of expressing the general purposes in concrete form so that the reply may be definitely responsive and at the same time convey to neutral countries an adequate idea of the aims and purposes for which the entente allies are contending.

The reason for not stating the specific terms is said here to be that the terms of the allies largely depend upon the extent of the military victory which they confidently expect and that any statement of terms now would be upon the existing military and territorial situation which the German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, claimed was based on a German victory. Therefore it is held that Germany is in a position to state her terms, whereas the entente terms become definite when military successes have been achieved.

### Press Comments.

London, Dec. 27.—The promptness of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note is characterized by the Evening News as evidence of Germany's eagerness to bring the war to an end.

The Standard says: "It would be a mistake to neglect the German peace manoeuvres, but it would be even more fatal to waste time over them. We trust the government will give President Wilson a perfectly courteous but also a definite reply, and then go on with the war as energetically as possible."

The Evening Star says: "Germany has replied in hot haste. She is working the Wilson note for all it is worth. She is trying to make peace by wireless. The contrast between her panting precipitancy and the allies' leisurely languor is great.

There is grave, urgent need for cool wisdom and bold leadership in the circumstances. We note with alarm the growing disposition in certain quarters to make bad blood between the British and American people. That is playing the German game and must be stopped dead. There must be no mercy for juntas who are ready to poison Anglo-American relationships. Let us make a stand against the colossal ineptitude of misrepresenting and misunderstanding President Wilson's note."

### Whitewash for Germany.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Germany has not been slow to seize the advantages given her by President Wilson's adroit diplomacy. It would be a real triumph for Germany to have herself recognized as the wireless puller of the power whose citizens her submarines drowned with impunity and which lectured her in the name of all cardinal virtues. It would teach the world that by letting the Americans do the talking Germany understands how to get her own way eventually in the sphere of practical politics."

The studied impartiality of the American note supplies Germany with a coat of whitewash, of which she was badly in need.

Germany proposes an immediate conference of belligerents, which appears to her to be the most promising way of promoting a fissure in the entente. The allies have only one possible attitude to this: namely, they will hold no discussion with an unprincipled criminal or with a power whose most solemn engagements are mere scraps of paper. If Mr. Wilson's real object was to elicit a plain statement of the aims and terms of both sides, Berlin's answer shows that he failed.

"It did not require a note to procure a plain statement of the allied cause. Upon the German side the invitation meets with summary dismissal. The ill-conceived note has been frustrated and the most dignified course now would be its frank withdrawal."

### Must Define Terms.

The Westminster Gazette says: "For two or three days the pretence was kept up that the American proposals were an unfriendly attempt to 'snatch the prize of victory' from the German people, but this clearly is not at all the view of the German government, which sees in it a welcome opportunity to improve the occasion and at the same time push forward its own program for stopping the war. President Wilson is not to blame for this and

## QUEBEC MONASTERY IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The famed monastery of the Trappist Monks at Oka, Que., was burned to the ground this morning. The fire started about 3 o'clock and at 7 o'clock the immense building had been completely destroyed. The burned structure contained the chapel, library, with valuable manuscripts, etc., and the loss is estimated at about \$250,000. There was no loss of life. The cheese and agricultural and experimental farm buildings operated by the monks were saved.

## GERMANS SHORT OF RESERVE TROOPS

Soldiers Serving in Trenches Are Pushed to Limit of Endurance

## ALLIES HAMMERING AT THE ENEMY LINES

Gen. Nivelle Has Inaugurated Vigorous System of Counter-attacks

London, Dec. 27.—(By Arthur S. Draper) Heavy artillery and minor infantry activity continued along the front during Christmas night and yesterday. All idea of a Christmas truce was abandoned by the Germans when the sharp-patrol assaults with which the British and French troops began the day kept up till midnight without a breathing spell.

Although these efforts failed to win the allied forces any advantages, Berlin is announcing the "repeated repulse of strong British patrol advances," the constant hammering at the vulnerable spots in their defences evidently is taking effect on the nerves of the German troops. Never knowing where the attack is coming from and whether it means a small operation or another big push such as Nivelle's victory on the Meuse has prepared them for the kaiser's soldiers are obtaining little relaxation from the fearful strain of trench warfare.

Prisoners taken by the allied troops testify to the embarrassing lack of fresh troops behind the German lines. Not only are the soldiers pushed to the limit of endurance when they occupy the trenches, but their relief from duty is steadily being cut short for want of troops to take their places, according to reliable reports from the front.

The only members of the allied air forces to celebrate Christmas in their pilots' seats were ten French flyers who poured shells on the enemy's posts at Neale, Ourcamp and Chapitre. German Morale Suffers.

From talks I have had with English officers here on furlough for the holidays, I am convinced that the German morale has suffered severely within the last month and that nothing will prevent the allied armies on the west front from smashing forward along a considerable front and forcing corresponding retirement of the enemy along the entire line.

"What has been accomplished by the Anglo-French forces can be done again," said an officer to me. "We are organized, and we have sufficient artillery for another push along the entire front. We will be able to break through along a line of, say seven miles, capture guns and consolidate ourselves in a position to menace the entire German front. This will force the enemy to retire generally to a position which will straighten their line."

The regime of Nivelle has already borne fruit in a vigorous system of counter-attacks which shift the burden of defence upon the enemy. The entire ring of forts at Verdun has been retaken and it is understood that these tactics will be extended to the whole French front.

## STRIVING TO SETTLE IRISH QUESTION

Informal Consultations Are Proceeding Says Manchester Guardian

London, Dec. 27.—Informal discussions and consultations are proceeding for settlement of the Irish question, says the Manchester Guardian.

New proposals which are being considered provide for something in the nature of equal representations for Unionists and Nationalists in an Irish parliament. Home rule for all of Ireland is the basis of the suggestions, which do not contemplate the exclusion of Ulster.

## WILSON BECOMES TOOL OF GERMANS

Frank H. Simonds Gives His Views of Latest Berlin Proposal

## PRESIDENT PLACED IN EMBARRASSING POSITION

Situation May Increase Peril of the United States

New York, Dec. 27.—(By Frank H. Simonds)—Will Mr. Wilson be blackmailed further? If there was any doubt in anyone's mind as to who would benefit by Mr. Wilson's peace gesture, it should be abolished now. Coolly, skilfully, completely, the Germans in their response to Mr. Wilson's note, have turned that document to their own ends. The very promptness of their response shows their enthusiasm.

And what is the next step? Is Mr. Wilson to be blackmailed by the threat of a German submarine campaign into an endorsement of the German proposal for a conference of the belligerents? It is beyond all cavil that the underlying motive of his first action as disclosed by the hapless Lansing, was to prevent, if possible, a new German submarine campaign, with all its incidental perils, to the United States. Will he now continue to give force and character to the German manoeuvre under the same threat?

But will he seize the opportunity supplied by the German response to retreat from a dangerous position while there is yet time. He may even find in the German response the basis for a prompt repudiation of all association with German effort and a frank disavowal of sympathy with it.

But it is just as possible that he may accept the German response as a thing deserving attention, continue to enlist the support of neutrals who, like the United States, are more interested in personal safety than in principles, and thus exert pressure upon the allies to comply with the German desires.

Mr. Wilson is now in the position of a man who has been subjected to the blackmailing processes and having temporarily yielded, has a chance to escape. But will he seize the opportunity? If he does not, we must all of us look forward to seeing our country and our government working in close co-operation with the Germans to procure that peace which the Germans either desire or profess to desire for their own purposes.

It is an interesting situation, but it hardly contributes to national pride, and it may easily increase, rather than diminish national peril.

Russians in Persia.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Information has reached here from Teheran, the capital of Persia, that Russia had decided not to force matters with that country, but to gain control through slow processes designed to inspire less hostility than harsher measures. As another step in the military control of Northern Persia, Russia has determined to form a force of Cossacks, numbering 21,000 men under the command of twenty-nine Russian officers who have already been sent as organizers.

## BERLIN WELCOMES WILSON'S ASSISTANCE

President's Proposal Regarded as of Great Help at Present Time

Berlin, Dec. 27.—(By Ernest Kahn.) German opinion on President Wilson's peace note has veered almost overnight. It is no longer regarded as inopportune and an impediment to Germany's own peace efforts, as perhaps an attempt to bring about settlement earlier in the war might have been considered.

On the contrary, responsible circles are now inclined to regard the president's proposal as of great help to Berlin at the present stage of affairs, especially as his action and that of von Bethmann-Hollweg aim at the interchange of views by the belligerents concerning the possibility of peace negotiations.

Although the speeches of Pokrovski, Brial and Lloyd George, especially that of the latter, are regarded in Germany generally as affronting and detrimental to peace overtures, repeating as they do the old imputations and raising the old, unaccountable claims for the destruction of Germany, the parties on the left and government wings have decided to wait for an official answer before taking action.

If the reply of the entente nations offers the possibility of Germany's entering peace negotiations without humiliation, it will not be rejected.

WILL LIBERATE BELGIANS.

London, Dec. 27.—King Alfonso of Spain has persuaded the German government to repatriate a large number of Belgian workmen who were deported into Germany, according to a Madrid dispatch to the Radio Agency.

## GERMANS ARRANGING FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph says German agents have arrived at The Hague to make preliminary arrangements for German delegates to the peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note.

The dispatch follows: "In view of the preparatory meeting of delegates to a peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson, German agents have arrived at The Hague and are making inquiries for hotel accommodations for German delegates."

Belief Expressed That Nothing Will Come of President Wilson's Proposal Which is Regarded as Strengthening Position of Germany on Account of Its Timing; Allies Plan Vigorous Campaign

## UNITED STATES FEARS RENEWAL OF SUBMARINE FRIGHTFULNESS BY HUNS; WASHINGTON OPINION OF PEACE NOTE

Washington, Dec. 27.—The text of the German reply to the peace note of President Wilson, containing no suggestion of terms but merely following the line to which utterance has been given repeatedly by the German propagandists to the United States, only strengthens Washington's belief that nothing will come of the present German desire for peace, which, as soon as it was expressed, was so vigorously backed by the government of the United States.

"Washington belief," in this instance, is made up of the opinions of American officials as well as diplomats. It may be stated, without fear of very vigorous contradiction, that some of the president's very closest advisers here are of the opinion that peace was brought no nearer by the Wilson offer of mediation, which in effect it was. As one prominent German here expresses it, "the note means mediation but the Wilson peace note emphatically became a reinforcement of the German position on account of its timing. That timing, before the Lloyd George speech had been delivered and before the allied governments had had time to read, much less digest the haughty German peace move, was undoubtedly deliberate. It was considered adroit by men here who are in sympathy with Mr. Wilson. It was a case, they say, of a man forced to make up his mind on a policy of tremendous importance almost within an hour."

### Note Too Early.

It will be recalled that six hours before the dispatching of the Wilson peace note the president caused the Washington correspondents to believe and in a guarded way to print the statement that the United States was contemplating no such action. On the Friday before an even more positive denial was sent out "on authority." The apparent theory of the president's friends—impossible as it may seem to the ordinary human intelligence—is that such was the intention of the government at the time the denial was made. There was no reason, judging by effects, for deception of any sort. The only effect was upon the stock market. The market was steady from Friday to Tuesday morning because of the belief that there would be no American peace note.

As a peace note, pure and simple which, according to Secretary Lansing, the Wilson attempt is not to be considered, the American note is at least a year too early. It was pointed out here to-day in entente quarters that the three biggest powers opposed to Germany—Great Britain, France and Russia—had just reorganized their governments for the definitely stated purpose of more vigorously prosecuting the war. The apparent theory of the president's friends—impossible as it may seem to the ordinary human intelligence—is that such was the intention of the government at the time the denial was made. There was no reason, judging by effects, for deception of any sort. The only effect was upon the stock market. The market was steady from Friday to Tuesday morning because of the belief that there would be no American peace note.

## OUTLINES OBJECTS OF COMMISSION

Reply to Trades and Labor Congress Regarding National Service Proposals

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—At the conclusion of a meeting of the cabinet this morning a carefully worded letter was prepared and sent by Sir Robert Borden to the executive of the Trades and Labor Congress. The letter explained the aims of the National Service Commission and is in reply to the representation made by the labor men in connection with the matter. The contents of the letter have not yet been made public. The executive of the Trades and Labor Congress will consider it this afternoon, and if they decide that the aims of the commission, as explained in the letter, conform to the opinion of labor with regard to service, it is expected that the congress will issue an appeal for co-operation with the commission. It is understood that the labor men have been assured that this co-operation is not contemplated in the proposals of the commission.

BY-ELECTION IN N. TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The writ has been issued for the by-election in North Toronto, brought on by the acceptance of W. D. McPherson, M.P., of the position of provincial secretary in the Hearst cabinet. The nominations will be held on January 15, and the election on January 22.

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## BRITISH ADVANCING IN MESOPOTAMIA

Positions Have Been Extended  
South and East of Kut-el-Amara

London, Dec. 27.—An official statement on the campaign in Mesopotamia, issued last night reads:

"On the 22nd British detachments advanced to the right bank of the Tigris. Their positions subsequently have been consolidated and extended south and east of Kut-el-Amara.

"The enemy's trenches on the right bank of the Tigris, southwest of Kut-el-Amara, have been systematically bombarded. Our cavalry by a night march reached and destroyed Gassaha fort 30 miles southeast of Kut, which had long been a base of operations of the hostile Arabs. 40 tons of grain were destroyed, cattle were captured and a number of hostile Arabian encampments were burned."

MUST NOT SELL SHARES ABROAD

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the Bundesrat has forbidden the sale abroad of German shipping shares, the object being to prevent an undesirable foreign influence in German shipping.

TWO DESTROYERS SINK.

London, Dec. 27.—The admiralty announces that two destroyers were sunk in a collision in the North Sea on December 21 during very bad weather. Six officers and 49 men were lost.



## JOFFRE CREATED MARSHAL OF FRANCE

French Press and Public Approve the Action of Government

Paris, Dec. 26.—In addition to a decree creating General Joffre a marshal of France, President Poincaré has signed another revoking the decree of Dec. 2, 1915 and Dec. 13, 1916. The first of these appointed Marshal Joffre commander in chief of all the French forces, except those in the colonies and Morocco. The second said: "General Joffre, commander in chief of the French forces, will act as technical adviser to the government in all matters concerning the direction of the war."

The high command, as now settled finally, consists of the war committee, composed of Premier Briand; General Lyautey, minister of war; Rear-Admiral La Caze, minister of marine; Albert Thomas, minister of national manufactures; Alexandre Ribot, minister of finance, and President Poincaré. The duty of the minister of war is to notify the other ministers and commanding generals concerning the decisions of the committee and take measures to insure their concerted execution. In addition he is responsible for everything concerning the preparation and maintenance of the nation's military resources.

There are two generals commanding. General Nivelle, of the armies of the north and northeast, who also assumes a connection with the allied staffs, and General Sarrail, of the army of the Orient, who, as already announced, is no longer answerable to grand headquarters, but directly to the minister of war.

The press and public are unanimous in welcoming the revival of the dignity of marshal in favor of General Joffre. All agree that he broke the German power once for all by the victory of the Marne and saved the capital of the country from humiliation and despair.

## NO COMPROMISE

## WITH FALSE IDEALS

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan Gives Views on Note Sent by President Wilson

London, Dec. 24.—The popular preacher, Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, preaching at Westminster chapel, said: "We are living at the most perilous hour that has come to us in this war. The most subtle perils are threatening us now, and these are created by the astuteness of Germany and the good intention of, I do not say America, but of the president of the American republic."

"The question that has come from Germany as to peace is a question of an astute and clever diplomacy, which is endeavoring to cast the blame of this war upon those who decline to accept the responsibility."

"The good intentions of President Wilson are sadly marred by the most tragic mistake that he has declined to express any opinion as to the moral issue."

"I am not considering the government. I pray for them and I believe they will be led rightly. But in thinking of the nation and the attitude of the people toward this whole question of peace, I am terribly afraid lest, judging from the newspapers, we should be in danger of forgetting that it was for the sanctity of treaties, for the rights of nations and for the safeguarding of freedom that we entered the war. The boys whose presence we miss from Westminster chapel did not leave professional and business life and the joys and comforts of home and church to make new markets for merchants. They went in answer to a high call on behalf of righteousness and truth, following the living torch of freedom."

"To consent now to any peace that falls short of the realization of those high ideals is to admit we were wrong at the first. The Christian church much not utter a word that suggests there can be such an admission to-day. Far better defeat and death for righteousness than ease and quiet by a compromise with false ideals."

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Royal Bank of Canada Makes  
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History

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada, now being forwarded to shareholders, indicates that the bank has, during the past twelve months, made the greatest strides in its history. For some time past the Royal has, from year to year, established new records, but the progress and expansion during 1916 have been of such unusual proportions that it is difficult to appreciate that they have all occurred during so short a period. It has often been pointed out that the Royal is still forging ahead among the leading banking institutions of the Dominion, but it is likely that the extent of the increase in assets and deposits for the past year will come as a surprise even to those who have been watching the growth of the bank's business. The important consolidations it has effected has given it a strong foothold in many new sections of the Dominion. While recently the purchase of the Quebec Bank by the Royal was sanctioned by the shareholders of the former institution, this undertaking only comes into effect on December 31, and does not in any way affect the statement just given out, this being for the fiscal year to November 30 only.

Deposits Increase.

The Royal is evidently steadily benefiting from the confidence its conservative banking policy has inspired, and this is, perhaps, more strikingly shown in the high gains made in the deposits bearing interest. A gain of over \$2,000,000 in them and an increase in total deposits of over \$45,000,000 during the twelve months is especially gratifying, as it is generally recognized that the Royal does not carry any very large special deposits.

An idea of the expansion the bank has enjoyed during the year under review may be gathered from the following: Total assets show an increase of over fifty-five million dollars; and now exceed \$253,000,000, as compared with approximately \$198,000,000 last year and \$179,000,000 at the end of 1914.

In keeping with the policy of being continually prepared owing to the large business, it is at all times handling a considerable portion of these assets are being maintained in liquid form, the liquid assets being represented by \$21,127,663, equivalent to over 5% per cent. of the total liabilities to the public, and compare with \$18,894,462 at the end of 1915 and \$17,244,657 at the end of 1914. The larger business the bank is now handling is reflected by the increase in notes of the bank in circulation to \$18,178,228, up from \$14,224,866, and total current loans and discounts of \$124,564,658, an increase of approximately \$18,000,000.

It should, perhaps, be pointed out that one of the recent important developments of the bank's business results from the chain of branches which it has built up in the British West Indies and other southern countries, and this has been a material aid to the growing foreign business of Canada.

Saving Accounts.

The Canadian public would seem to be steadily increasing their saving accounts, even though large amounts have been invested in various loans, as the deposits bearing interest have increased to \$140,562,199, as compared with \$117,519,360, while deposits not bearing interest now amount to \$52,366,396. The total deposits are now \$200,227,595, compared with \$154,976,327 last year and \$136,651,268 at the end of 1914.

The handling of a largely increased amount of business has evidently had its usual satisfactory effect on earnings, as the profits for the year amounted to \$2,111,397.65, equivalent to 17.87 per cent. on the average paid up capital, against \$1,605,576.57, or 16.48 per cent. in 1915. With the balance carried forward from the previous year, the total amount available for distribution was \$2,278,719, and this was appropriated as follows: Dividends at the regular rate of 12 per cent. per annum, \$1,417,507; transferred to officers' pension fund, \$160,000; written off bank premises account, \$250,000; war tax on bank note circulation, \$118,226; contribution to Patriotic Fund, \$65,000; leaving the balance to be carried forward to profit and loss of \$352,246.28, as compared with \$376,412.16 at the end of the previous year. The principal accounts of the bank compare as follows:

1916 1915  
Total assets ..... \$253,261,427 \$198,260,123  
Liquid assets ..... 121,127,663 54,854,652

Total current loans and discounts ..... 124,564,658 106,524,634  
Total call loans ..... 32,448,631 18,982,628

Deposit in central gold reserve ..... 6,500,000 2,000,000

Deposits bearing interest ..... 140,862,199 117,519,320

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Profits for the year ..... 2,111,397 1,605,576

Balance carried forward ..... 82,346 167,472

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Seriously ill—Pte. A. Anderson, Moose Jaw; Pte. H. Hills, Hampton, Ont.; Pte. E. H. Flanders, Avondale, Sask.

Previously reported missing; now reported wounded—Pte. W. M. Sullivan, Rankin, Ont.

Previously reported prisoner of war; now transferred to Switzerland for internment—Lieut. Capt. W. H. Hooper, Carlton Place, Ont.; Lieut. C. R. Scott, Perth, Ont.; Capt. Scudamore, Channel Islands.

Accidentally killed—Pte. Wm. Curtis, Glace Bay, N. S.

Previously reported missing; now reported died while prisoner—Pte. F. Richards, Kamloops, B. C.

Previously reported missing; now believed killed in action—Lieut. J. S. Cooke, England.

Previously reported missing; now reported wounded—Pte. W.

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**COAL OUTPUT OF THE DOMINION****Returns Received From Operators; Production of Iron and Steel**

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The Dominion department of Mines has received from the principal coal operators in Canada returns of production for ten months, supplemented in most cases by estimates for November and December.

In the basis of the record available, it is estimated that the total production of coal in Canada during the calendar year 1916 will approximate 14,365,000 short tons, which is equal to 12,825,892 gross tons. The estimate is believed to be fairly close for Nova Scotia and British Columbia. In Alberta, however, there are so many small operators that final returns may show a wider variation from the estimates now made.

By provinces, the estimate is as follows, the figures for 1915 being included for comparison:

	1915	1916
Nova Scotia	7,661,579	6,950,000
New Brunswick	125,801	135,000
Saskatchewan	240,167	260,000
Alberta	3,388,818	4,400,000
British Columbia	2,065,612	2,620,000
Yukon	9,247	—
Totals	13,267,023	14,365,000

The Dominion department of mines has received from the producers a record of the production of pig iron and steel ingots and castings during the first 11 months of the year, which, together with estimates for December, show a probable production of pig iron in Canada during the 12 months ending December 31, 1916, of 1,171,726 short tons, which is equivalent to 1,046,185 gross tons, and a production of steel ingots and direct steel castings of 1,454,124 short tons (1,289,325 gross tons), of which 1,423,185 short tons were steel ingots and 30,838 short tons were direct castings.

The production of pig iron in 1915 was 913,775 short tons, and of steel ingots and castings, 1,926,899 short tons, showing an increase in the production of pig iron in 1916 of about 28 per cent and an increase in the production of steel ingots and castings of over 42 per cent.

The 1916 production was greater than that of any previous year, the second largest production of pig iron having been 1,128,967 short tons in 1913 and of steel ingots and castings, 1,168,392 short tons, also in 1913.

**WAR CONFERENCE OF THE EMPIRE****Message From Colonial Secretary Explains Object of Meeting in February**

London, Dec. 27.—The secretary of state for the colonies has sent a telegram to the dominions explaining the purposes for the forthcoming Imperial conference by Premier Lloyd George. The telegram explains that what the government contemplates is not an ordinary imperial conference, but a special war conference of the empire.

The prime minister from each of the dominions is "invited to attend a series of special meetings of the war cabinet in order to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecuting of the war, possible conditions on which, in agreement with our allies, we could assent to its termination, and problems which would then immediately arise."

The premiers are urged to attend at an early date, not later than the end of February.

The Daily Telegraph, commenting on the Imperial conference, says: "The allies are very far from committing the mistake of not considering among themselves the conditions of peace, for which they proposed to obtain the only effectual guarantee. These deliberations are not of a kind to be concluded in haste. We have not willed to have a premature peace, and we do not mean to have it. Our enemies have willed such a peace, and are making every possible effort to force one as the alternative to final defeat. They have failed to disarm any of their intended victims by military means; certainly they will not do so by the exercise of diplomacy."

**Text of Message.**

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—A cable received by the governor general yesterday from the colonial secretary amplifies the announcement made in the British House of Commons last week by Premier Lloyd George in regard to the Imperial conference, as follows:

"I wish to explain that what is contemplated by his majesty's government is not a session of the ordinary Imperial conference, but a special war conference of the empire. His majesty's government, therefore, invites your prime minister to attend a series of special and continuous meetings of the war cabinet, to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecuting of the war, the possible conditions on which, in agreement with our allies, we could assent to its termination and the problems which will then immediately arise."

"Your prime minister, for the purpose of these meetings, would be a member of the war cabinet."

"In view of the extreme urgency of the subjects of discussion, as well as of their supreme importance, it is hoped that your prime minister may find it possible, in spite of the serious inconveniences involved, to attend at an early date—not later than the end of February."

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"While the presence of your prime minister himself is earnestly desired by his majesty's government, they hope that if he sees insuperable difficulties, he will carefully consider the question of nominating a substitute, as they regard it as a serious misfortune if any dominions were left unrepresented."

**ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON WESTERN FRONT****Enemy Trenches Raided by British Troops Who Take Number of Prisoners.**

London, Dec. 27.—The official report from British headquarters in France last night reads:

"Some fifty Germans approached our lines on Monday night in the neighborhood of Leshouefs. Eight of them were taken prisoner, the remainder having been caught by our machine gun fire."

"Monday night we entered trenches northeast of Armentieres and drove off an enemy working party. The enemy positions east of Ploegsteert were also raided; casualties were inflicted upon the enemy and prisoners were secured."

"In the neighborhood of Leshouefs and Gouyencourt we bombarded the enemy trenches during the day with satisfactory results. At other places along the front artillery activity has continued."

"On the night of December 24-25, our airplanes carried out successful bombing operations on places of military importance behind the enemy's line."

Artillery Active.

Paris, Dec. 27.—"There was great activity by both artilleries in the sectors of Bapaume-en-Santerre and Fouquescourt," says the war office statement last night.

"Everywhere else the commanding was intermittent."

The Belgian statement says: "The usual artillery activity prevailed."

German Report.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"On the north bank of the Somme there was temporary strong artillery fire. Elsewhere on the western and eastern fronts nothing important occurred."

In Great Wallachia the Russians were ejected from several positions."

"Conditions in Macedonia are calm."

**CRITICIZES ACTION OF PRESIDENT WILSON****Dean of Westminster Says Military Brigandage Must Be Overthrown**

London, Dec. 27.—The Dean of Westminster, the Right Reverend Herbert Edward Ryle, preaching in the abbey, said:

"It is in our resolve, God helping us, to overthrow military brigandage in Europe, to rescue the liberties and homes of the desolated countries, to obtain for these people reparation for their wrongs and for humanity lasting securities against a recurrence of aggressive violence and crime."

"It is true that the president of the United States, after two years of study of the question and innumerable notes, seems to believe that the object of the two groups of belligerents is the same. He knows that Germany refused arbitration, declined a conference and rejected every overture to prevent war. He knows that his own countrymen have poured money like water to assist the destitute and outraged remnants of the little Belgian people, whose treaty rights were violated and whose frontiers were invaded before war was declared. He knows of the infractions of The Hague conventions, which the American people have studiously promoted.

"He knows all the details of the organized atrocities reported upon in strict inquiries. He knows of the sinking of unarmed passenger ships, like the Lusitania and Arabic, without notice or warning. He knows of the murder of Capt. Fryatt, of the nocturnal deportations of Belgians and French into slavery. He knows of German connivance at Armenian massacres. And yet he is of the opinion that the nations who are leagued to disarm this evil demon of national militarism have the same objects in view as the perpetrators of these historic crimes."

"President Wilson has either in a fit of mental aberration sent the wrong note or he has entirely misapprehended the European situation. These things are black and white. The very thought of them on Christmas Day makes one shudder. Does anyone suppose that peace would be honorable which regarded the assailants and the defenders of humanity as having in view the same ends? What kind of unity of aim do you expect between wolves and sheep dogs over the fleeces of torn lambs."

"Peace on the basis of such a hypothesis would be only an armistice giving an exhausted foe a much-needed interval for recuperation before renewing his insatiable passion for the hegemony of the world and the destruction of his rivals with a savage war."

**SCRAP NICKEL STOLEN.**

Quebec, Dec. 27.—Members of the Dominion police force, assisted by the chief of the Quebec detective force, have arrested seven men here who are accused of having been stealing for some time back scrap copper-nickel from the Dominion arsenal at Quebec. This nickel, the authorities think, has found its way to very willing buyers in the United States, and possibly a large part of the three or four thousand dollars' worth which was stolen reached enemies of the allies in the United States who would not hesitate to turn the valuable mineral over to any of the enemy powers.

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### AFTER TURKEY.

The British victory at Magdhaba, following swiftly the occupation of El Arish, should be considered in conjunction with the advance in Mesopotamia. These apparently are two phases of a co-ordinated campaign against Turkey in Asia which will be prosecuted with the utmost dispatch during the winter months. El Arish is a point near the Mediterranean coast about ninety miles east of the Suez Canal. It is on the most northerly of the two parallel routes which cross the Sinai desert from the canal to Syria and is twenty-five miles west of the Turco-Egyptian boundary. It can easily be reached from the sea. Magdhaba, where a much more productive success has been gained, is a place fifteen miles southeast of El Arish and twelve miles north of the second route between the canal and the boundary of Syria. It was along this latter road that the Turks advanced in their most serious attempt to invade Egypt. There is a third route which strikes southward from the Syrian boundary and then westward to the Red Sea opposite Suez, but for the most part it is outside the sphere of the present operations.

The British may be expected to extend their line southeastward to the second route and then they will control the two avenues of advance into Syria, assuming that such an advance is contemplated. In that event they would strike along the coast to Rafa, just on the boundary and towards El Andja, a few miles beyond the line in Syria, thus advancing on a thirty-mile front. Such an advance would be supplied by the fleet which would cover their left flank and facilitate the transport of supplies. In this they would be operating under conditions much more favorable than those which characterized the Turkish campaign against Egypt. The enemy was unable to draw any supplies from the sea. He had to depend entirely upon cumbersome land transport, which seriously handicapped his movements. His main base was at Beersheba, thirty-five miles east of the boundary towards which a British advance probably would be directed. Should this phase of a winter campaign against Turkey be developed, commentators will have an ample opportunity to air their Biblical lore, for they will have ancient military precedent in the march of the children of Israel across a part, at least, of the same arid country into the land of Canaan. Incidentally it might be borne in mind that Jerusalem is not much farther from El Arish than El Arish is from the Suez canal, and that the landing of troops at Jaffa, the seaport of Jerusalem, is not the least of the possibilities of this interesting aspect of the war.

In Mesopotamia the British undoubtedly mean to make a vigorous attempt to capture Bagdad this winter. The advance on the right bank of the Tigris already has brought them west of Kut-el-Amara and seventy-five miles from their immediate objective. This progress is likely to disturb the equality of the Turks holding the Sannayat

lines on the left bank of the river, for Kut-el-Amara is the chief base for this position and were it to be captured the line of retreat to Bagdad, of the Ottoman troops in the Sannayat trenches would be severed and they would have to retire northeastward to the boundary of Persia. They are not likely to await that development, however, and we should hear of the abandonment of the Sannayat position as well as Kut-el-Amara itself shortly. This will be necessary if the Turks aim to make a stand for Bagdad. Thus, before long heavy pressure probably will be applied to Turkey's military extremities by the British from two widely separated points. What of the third? It is here that the Grand Duke Nicholas should make his annual appearance. The Russian lines are practically in the same position in which last summer found them. Trebisond is now their base of supply and they hold Erzincan, in the centre, ninety miles west of Erzerum. Their left wing, however, was bent back in the region of Lake Van by a strong Turkish counter-offensive which recaptured Bitlis and Mush and was then thrown out again. Unquestionably, however, the Russians will resume their movement in the direction of Kharput and Diarbekr and Turkey, therefore, will have to meet strong menaces from three quarters, any one of which, if successful, would strip her of an important part of her empire. In conjunction with these operations by outside foes the insurrection in western Arabia which already has driven the sovereignty of the Sultan from the holy places of Mecca and Medina is bound to spread under the encouragement of further Ottoman reverses. On the whole, Turkey's troubles are going to multiply apace this winter and she will require more aid than the return of that solitary division which for spectacular effect the Germans diverted to Galicia when summer ended the operations in Armenia and Mesopotamia.

### GERMANY'S REPLY.

Washington professes to see in Germany's reply to President Wilson's note a further step towards peace. That reply does not meet the Wilson recommendation in a solitary characteristic. It does not state the term.

Germany has in mind, it shelves the proposal of a world league of peace and offers the American executive only a hind seat on the German peace coach. Beyond that it explicitly asks, however, that an "immediate" meeting of belligerent states take place at a neutral place. In other words, Germany interposes in more direct terms what she now wants. She wants a conference, and wants it at once. Moreover, she is so anxious for her people to know that she is pressing for a conference that she published her reply to the Wilson note before it was received at Washington.

This spectacular parade of Berlin and Washington peaceards, however, as recorded in the interesting exchange of notes, which, no doubt, will continue, ignores one or two mere details. These are the entente nations, and somehow we feel that a peace structure erected by Berlin and Washington without their assistance would be lacking in several suggestive particulars. They have not yet replied formally to Germany's overture, although their leading statesmen have stated definitely that they will not consider any peace proposal which does not define terms. Nor have they replied to the exquisitely tactful and adroit note of President Wilson.

Germany's precipitation, as shown in the unusual course of publishing her reply to the Wilson note before it was dispatched to Washington, is pretty positive proof that internal conditions of the central empires have reached an acute stage. If the German government was afraid to withhold its reply from publication for forty-eight hours, it apparently is confronted with a situation extremely difficult to deal with. In this connection it is reported to-day that agents were at The Hague arranging for accommodation for the delegates who will represent Germany at the peace conference "to be held immediately." This is merely gallery play and is intended more for home contemplation than for the outside world. It is all very significant. The allies have the situation in the hollow of their hands.

### A MARSHAL OF FRANCE.

General Joffre has received the highest military distinction his grateful country is able to bestow. He has been made a Marshal of France. To confer this honor upon him the French government had to revive the title by special decree, thereby making a concession from the stern order which began in 1873 when France turned her back for the last time upon Napoleonism. Since then she has been exceedingly circumspect in the distribution of awards for military services.

The cross of the Legion of Honor is her most highly-prized distinction. To the deep republican sentiment of the country a military caste surrounded by pomp and glitter is repugnant and in this war the greatest care is being

taken to guard against a revival of the regime which was ended at Sedan. The distinction conferred upon Joffre, therefore, can be regarded as a supreme tribute to one for whom no honor could be too high. It has a simple dignity which will fit the wearer better than any other title that the nation could create. It emphasizes Joffre's secure place in the front rank of the great soldiers of France who throughout the centuries have won for her the highest military renown. None of them, however, not even Conde or Turenne, was tested in the fierce fires which Joffre endured unflinchingly. Their greatness was based upon successes won under favorable auspices in wars of conquest. Joffre's flame burned brightest in the hour of adversity. None of the others saved France, for none of them was confronted with the supreme crisis where a mistake meant irreparable disaster to the nation. France has made Joffre a marshal, because her act represents the loftiest expression of her gratitude to the man who wrought her salvation and laid the foundation for an influence and a prestige among the nations of the world greater than she ever possessed before.

A Canadian correspondent in England, noted chiefly for the awe in which he holds snobocracy, says that Sir Max Aitken was made a peer because of the part played by him in the expulsion of the Anghus government from office. That explains everything. We know, now, why Canada's official "Eye-Witness" did not eye-witnessing. He was engaged on a mightier task. He was using all his great talent, developed in Canada as a company promoter, in promoting cabinet changes, and the peerage is a grateful kingdom's reward. But the distinction, if that expression can properly be applied in the present instance, may be premature. It may be found that the cabinet changes were not for the best, after all. Suppose the ginger group, now in supreme control, lost a dozen dreads in some hazardous exploit and rushed our army into a disaster; would Sir Max have to return his title? Perish the thought! Meanwhile, who is doing the eye-witnessing?

A correspondent chides the newspapers for alleged lack of sympathy for employees of stores who are affected by the Saturday half-holiday. The Times has any amount of sympathy for employees of stores, but it is not in sympathy with the Saturday half-holiday idea, nor with any measure that injuriously affects business. Conditions in British Columbia are such at the present time that our business men cannot afford to close their doors to a single dollar. Business turned away upon one day does not come back another day. The Saturday closing scheme was sprung upon the community hastily by a government in the throes of dissolution and it was adopted by the communities at the lesser of two evils. There are other methods of giving employees holidays to which they are entitled than by arbitrarily closing a city up tight upon what always has been the best business day of the week.

In multiplicity of "notes" the good president seems to have lost his bearings. First he said the United States could not intervene for peace unless all the powers of the entente signified their assent to such a move. Then when charged with being an instrument of Germany in issuing a "note" almost simultaneously with the appearance of the Hun's overture, Mr. Wilson explained that his peace document had been in course of preparation for some considerable time and that the apparently suspicious appearance of the two notes almost side by side simply was a coincidence. The visit of Ambassador Gerard of Berlin to Washington also was a coincidence, we suppose, but most of the sceptical people of a suspicious world will continue to think that the American ambassador was the bearer of important information when he landed in Washington.

London Daily Mail: From time immemorial—and the beginnings of the English navy go back to an age long before there was a Prussia or a Germany—the right of arming merchant vessels for their own defence has existed unchallenged. In Armada days merchant ships generally carried small guns known as "minions" or "towers." In the days of the Commonwealth they were so well armed that, as a great expert of that period boasted, they "convinced their trade without expecting convoy." Under Charles II a law was passed, which still remains the law of the land, imposing a penalty of six months' imprisonment on mariners or officers of merchant ships who declined or refused to defend their ships. In the Napoleonic wars, as abundant records prove, our merchantmen carried any armament up to twenty or even thirty guns.

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rapidly in these strenuous days. Also the advantages of a short ocean route may be demonstrated and trade may be developed and fixed in permanent channels. It is provisions the nations of Europe need now, not manufactures, and the eastern states have no food for export. Canada has, and the western states can ship just as advantageously through eastern Canadian ports as through eastern American ports.

A few hours before the Wilson bid for mediation the president declared positively that he would not make any overtures until he was informed by both sides that action by him would be welcomed by them. When he sent his note shortly afterwards he stated that it had been in contemplation a long time and therefore had no connection with the German proposal. There clearly was a cog missing, and Lansing undoubtedly supplied it in his first explanation. The president's course was due to panic, caused by Germany's threat to resume unrestricted submarine warfare which might involve the United States, if she did not obtain peace.

Her Harden, who executed a verbal war dance when the Huns commenced their raid upon civilization by invading Belgium and declared that the war was Germany's bid for domination of the world, now demands an immediate armistice. He admits that all dreams of dominion and loot and indemnities have vanished and that the one end to be kept in mind is escape from the hell the war has created. Max was frank in the beginning and does not appear to be afraid of speaking his mind now that the inevitable end may be discerned.

Hall Caine says Wilson's peace note was a staggering blow to the allies, almost a knockout blow to Great Britain. Being a fiction writer of more or less note, Hall is entitled to a certain amount of latitude. But the sober

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## OLD RESIDENT DIES WHILE VISITING HERE

William T. Hardaker, Formerly Auctioneer in Victoria, Succumbs at Hospital

William T. Hardaker, at one time a resident of the city and very well-known to many who are still living here, passed away at the Royal Jubilee hospital late yesterday afternoon.

The deceased gentleman, who had been visiting with his friends in the James Bay district of the last few weeks, came to Victoria first many years ago from England, and ranked among the pioneer residents of the city. He carried on business as an auctioneer until about ten years ago, on his retirement returning with his wife and family to England. About a month ago he came back to the coast for a visit, and his death occurred suddenly with very little preliminary warning of the illness to which he succumbed. He is survived by his wife, who is in England.

The late Mr. Hardaker was a staunch Liberal, and was one of the charter members of the "Young Liberal Club," which was organized here about twenty years ago, always maintaining his interest in the organization until he removed to the Old Country. He was about sixty years of age.

Relatives in the Old Country have been cabled to for instructions as to the funeral, pending receipt of which no arrangements are being made.

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**The B. & V. Club** will demonstrate the two-two step Wednesday night, Connaught Hall.

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**Demand Phoenix Stout.** Home product.

**Balance of \$30 Remains After Paying Expenses of Entertainment.**

The performance of the cabaret show, held at the Empress hotel on Dec. 19, for the purpose of providing Christmas cheer for the returned soldiers who are stationed at the Convalescent hospital, Esquimalt, netted \$400 in admission tickets.

The proceeds were as follows:

Presents purchased for 99 men soldiers and presented to them on the evening of the 22nd, after their Christmas dinner, amounted to \$271.90.

Supper, cigars, cigarettes, lemonade and orangeade served to them on the evening of the 19th.

Orchestra for cabaret show, 22.50.

Decorations for ballroom, consisting of tiaran, draperies, balloons, etc., 22.15.

Motor car conveying soldiers from Esquimalt to Empress hotel and return both nights, 31.00.

Expense of staff in connection with cabaret show-electrician, upholsterer, waiters, for soldiers, bell boys, 27.00.

Posters, 5.00.

Total, \$606.65.

The balance, amounting to \$30.35 will be handed over to the Convalescent hospital for the purpose of buying smokes for the soldiers.

**MARRIED IN SCOTLAND**

**Lieut. R. Morrison and Miss Mathison** Wedded; former Popular Local Resident.

Lieut. Robert Morrison, of the 67th (Pioneer) Battalion, Western Scots, who left here with that unit, was married on December 1 in the Old Country to Miss Mathison of Scotland. Having been a resident here for several years during which period his talents as a musician and other attainments won him many close friends, there are many who will wish him and Mrs. Morrison every happiness.

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**BEANS ARE COUNTED**

Exactly 3,173 in jar displayed by O'Connell's Ltd.; Motor-Car Winner Not Announced.

The beans contained in a jar, which has been on exhibition at Messrs. O'Connell's, Ltd., Government street, for some weeks, and which have been the subject of much attention, inasmuch as on the estimating of the number within the receptacle depends the disposition of the new motor car shown on the premises, were counted yesterday. At the same time the teachers and children of the entrance class took advantage of the occasion to present Principal Grieve with a valuable gold scarfpin, wallet and silk tie, on his relinquishing the principaship and as a mark of appreciation and kindly feeling towards him. He has been with the school for two and a half years.

**At Lynn Valley School.** The usual closing exercises took place on Friday last at the Lynn Valley school when the children gave their annual concert, and had their Christmas tree, which was laden with numerous cards of greeting and other good things. At the same time the teachers and children of the entrance class took advantage of the occasion to present Principal Grieve with a valuable gold scarfpin, wallet and silk tie, on his relinquishing the principaship and as a mark of appreciation and kindly feeling towards him. He has been with the school for two and a half years.

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## Y.W.C.A. TO ENTERTAIN FRIENDS TO-NIGHT

Welcome to Be Given All Who Wish to Attend Entertainment

To-night the Y. W. C. A., 912 Douglas street, is to be en fete with the annual Christmas holiday party, and a cordial invitation is extended to all young women of the city to attend and bring their men friends. The proceedings will start at eight o'clock, and the entertainment will open with a short programme. Later the guests will be invited to the big recreation and tea-room upstairs, where all manner of games have been arranged for, and preparation made for the serving of refreshments. Dancing will be in order and it is anticipated that the pastime will prove as popular as usual.

The Business Girls' Club of Victoria is co-operating with the association to make the party a success. It is the wish of the association that all young women in the city should make the Y. W. C. A. building their home, where they can entertain their men friends. The halls and reception rooms have been made very attractive with evergreens, holly and Christmas bells, and everything presents an appearance of welcome to the lonely visitor.



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5822—Sweetest Girl in Monterey. Prince's Band.

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5834—Missouri Waltz. Prince's Band.

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5842—Voices of Spring. Prince's Orchestra.

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Malkin's Best Jams	4-lb. pails ....	69c
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Robertson's Fig or Ginger Marmalade	small jar ....	6c
Old Dutch or Lux	3 pkgs. ....	25c
Nice Prunes	3 lbs. ....	25c
Robin Hood Oatmeal	10-lb. sack ....	55c
B. & K. Wheatflakes	large pkg. ....	30c

## Special To-morrow

Heinz Spaghetti, with tomato. A most delicious dish and all ready prepared; just requires warming. Reg. 15c per tin. Special, 2 tins. 25c

Horlick's Malted Milk, jar, 50c, 95c and ....	\$3.50
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Wizard Oil, bottle, 50c and ....	98c
Parisian Sage bottle ....	45c
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"Penman's" Fine All-Wool Cashmere. Special value at, per pair ....	\$1.00
Boys' All-Wool Heavy Stockings, at, per pair. ....	75c
Girls' Fine Ribbed All-Wool Cashmere Hose, all sizes. Priced from, per pair, 30c to ....	65c

# PUSS IN BOOTS

## Christmas Pantomime

Holders of booked seats should be careful not to make any mistake in the date of their tickets.

Tickets lettered 3 are for Dec. 27

Tickets lettered 4 are for Dec. 28

Tickets lettered 5 are for Dec. 29

Tickets lettered 6 are for Dec. 30

The box office will be removed from the Superfluities Shop to the

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## DEFIES DEATH IN SMALL STEEL BOX

Herbert Brooks Consents to Try Difficult Feat in Government Street Window

Herbert Brooks, who is undoubtedly the most accomplished mystery man to visit this city, will attempt a remarkable feat in the store window of Fletcher Bros' music house, Government street, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m., Thursday noon. Mr. Brooks will allow himself to be confined inside a steel trunk measuring 27x16 inches, and will remain in this very cramped position for two hours. While in the trunk he will smoke comfortably, eat, drink, read the request of bystanders, pass cards called for through a small hole in the side of the trunk. He will write a description of the person making the request.

Doctors have often claimed that it is impossible for any human being to occupy such a cramped position inside a closed box for so long and survive. In order to demonstrate that the feat can be done, Mr. Brooks has consented to place himself in such a position in the Fletcher Bros' window for the two hours between 11 and 1 o'clock on Thursday. Anyone may see him enter the chest at 11 o'clock and leave it at 1 o'clock, and ample evidence of his being in the trunk during the interval will be given by those remaining to perform.

Herbert Brooks is appearing at the Pantages theatre this week with his clever card manipulations and trunk escape mystery. He is positively the most wonderful and interesting performer in this line that has ever appeared in Victoria, not excepting the baffling and famous Hardeen, who was here a few weeks ago.

Mr. Brooks makes his cabinet escape on the stage in less than one minute from a steel trunk which is securely locked, then laced into a canvas bag and further tied with ropes. His performance is clever, rapid and defies explanation, as anyone who has been fortunate enough to visit the Pantages this week will testify. Mr. Brooks has made no won the famous \$5,000 suit against Maskelyne and Devant, the famous magicians of London, as a result of their having offered a \$2,500 challenge to anyone who would duplicate their trunk mystery. Mr. Brooks claimed the reward, after fighting it to the highest court, the case was decided in his favor with full costs. He has greatly improved on his original trick, which was acknowledged at that time to be superior to that of Maskelyne and Devant.

The Imperial Military Octette, skilled musicians, playing a diversity of music from the classical to the latest ragtime, is the other headline attraction on the current bill with Herbert Brooks. The Imperial Military Octette study in block and silver by four girls, offer vocal and dancing numbers. Bobbie Bill, Bill Millard, trick cycle riding; Correlli and Gillette, rapid-fire song, patter and comedy; and Wilbur Brown plays the ukelele.

The sixth chapter of the "Shielding Shadow" serial completes an interesting holiday bill.

## AT THE THEATRES

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A Romance of Circus Life.

#### VARIETY THEATRE

#### To-day

#### "Barriers of Society"

#### Columbia Theatre

#### TO-DAY

#### ANNA PAVLOVA

The Great Russian Dancer  
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#### COLUMBIA

"When you have finished the scene in the lions' cage, you will go up in the balloon and drop in the parachute. Then we will stage the Hula Hula dance with the Hawaiian orchestra and tomorrow we will do the big burglary scene." If a motion picture director said that to you all in one breath you would probably faint. When J. Pennington she blinked hard and meekly aquesceck. For it meant that the little "Ziegfeld Follies" star was to start her second famous Players-Fairmount picture, "The Rainbow Princess," which is the attraction at the Dominion this evening.

#### PLAYING "HIAWATHA"

Daisy Chain Chapter, I. O. D. E., Busy

Preparing for Performance on

January 6.

A number of young patriotic workers,

members of the Daisy Chain Chapter, I. O. D. E., are spending a big part of their Christmas holidays preparing for a performance which is to be given in aid of the funds which are devoted to sending comforts to soldiers, etc. The performance under preparation is "Hiawatha," an adaptation of the well known Longfellow poem by Miss Helen Badgley, of Vancouver. Special music, typically Indian in character, has been found for the production, and dances by Indian maidens and Indian braves will add to the intended effect of the entertainment.

Altogether 40 characters will be in the play. Two Hiawathas are required, Miss Mary Ross having been cast to take the part of the brave Indian as a little boy, and Miss Margaret Campbell as Hiawatha, the man. Minnehaha will be impersonated by Katie Collison, and Chivawas, "the sweet singer," will be Miss Charlotte Spencer, whose assistance the Daisy Chain Chapter is delighted to have on this important occasion.

The performance is to be given on Saturday, January 6, at the old Victoria theatre, and it is earnestly hoped that the public will liberally patronize an undertaking which is intended to augment the patriotic funds of the chapter.

A revolution takes place shortly after the disappearance of Fenella and once when she had escaped, she appealed to Lady Elvira who learns the truth. Fenella was promised protection, but Perrone, a captain of the guards, intercepts her and has her sent back to

For New Year Chears—Decanters, 40c to \$1.75; Wine Glasses, \$1.50 to \$2.50 dozen; Lemonade Jugs, 40c to \$1.00; Lemonade Glasses, 75c to \$2.00; Cork Screws, 10c. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

The many friends of P. A. Goodwin will be pleased to hear he is progressing favorably at St. Joseph's hospital.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

S. D. Trethewey, of Chilliwack, is at the Dominion.

E. L. Papke, of Vancouver, is at the Metropoli hotel.

L. L. Butler is registered at the Metropoli hotel.

A. J. Scott, of Calgary, is staying at the Empress hotel.

W. R. H. Prescott, of Alberni, is at the Dominion hotel.

W. J. Williams, of Vancouver, is at the Metropoli hotel.

L. Charlton, of Calgary, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

O. H. Wilson, of Calgary, is a guest at the Metropoli hotel.

W. Payne, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Metropoli hotel.

W. F. Dixon, of Toronto, is a guest at the Metropoli hotel.

R. McMicking of Seattle, Wash., is at the Metropoli hotel.

F. A. Baker, of Kelowna, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

J. A. Kendall, of Port Alberni, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Thos. Green, of James Island, is a guest at the Metropoli hotel.

Major C. L. Wain, of Kamloops, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Arthur T. Parry, of Duncan, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

P. D. Busche, of Work Point, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

R. M. Archer, of Nanaimo, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

T. Thomas, of James Island, is registered at the Metropoli hotel.

A. Hawthorne, of Moose Jaw, Sask., is at the Metropoli hotel.

J. Johnson and P. Olson, of Portland, Ore., are at the Metropoli hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Rown, of James Island, are guests at the Metropoli hotel.

Lieut. Milliken, of New Westminster, is a guest at the Metropoli hotel.

Geo. Wallace, of New Westminster, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

D. C. Roberts, of Esquimalt, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

T. F. Armstrong, of this city, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Miss E. Constance, of Nanaimo, has registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. Alington and child, of Duncan, are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, of Mill Bay, are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Edward A. Southworth, of San Francisco, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Borden, of Shoshone, Idaho, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Borden at Lake Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ward and Miss E. Wilson, Ward, of Ashcroft, are registered at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ostrander and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Morrison, of Seattle, are guests at the Empress hotel. Mr. Ostrander is the well known shipping man on the Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stewart, of Seattle, are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

James Godfrey and Mrs. Godfrey, of Nanaimo, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Miss S. C. Kennedy, a visitor from Toronto, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

J. Bremner and Mrs. Bremner, of Travers, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Wm. F. Akerman, of South Salt Spring Island, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

L. W. Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton, of Vancouver, are registered at the Dominion.

C. A. Greene and Mrs. Greene, of Port Alberni, are staying at the Dominion hotel.



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## GOVERNMENT ORDER HITS SKIPPER HARD

**Capt. E. W. Knight, Barred From British Ships Because of German Ancestry**

Under the sweeping instructions issued by the British government several months ago, Capt. E. W. Knight, for 22 years a master mariner in the British merchant service, now finds his license of practically no value, for during the continuance of the war he will be unable to sail as an officer on vessels flying the British flag.

Capt. Knight, who arrived on the liner Yokohama Maru from the Orient, holds a certificate of competency as master in the British merchant service, and for the past 17 years has been in the Asiatic coastwise service, sailing for Jardine, Matheson & Co., out of Shanghai. On account of the precautions exercised against any possible enemy agent the British authorities recently issued an order to shipping owners that no one of German descent could be employed in any vessel flying under the British flag.

Capt. Knight's father was of German birth, although he lived the greater part of his life in England. For this reason, upon receipt of the order, Capt. Knight found himself out of a position he had filled for many years and has been compelled to seek new fields.

Capt. Knight was born in England and is a British subject, and he feels his position very keenly. He has been granted a year's leave of absence by his former employers.

### STOPPED BY GERMAN SUBMARINES.

Madrid, Dec. 27.—Four Greek steamships, the Omritis, Aristides, Isaropina and Contandris, have arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, two of them bound from America with cargoes of wheat and corn, after having been stopped by a German submarine. They were permitted to enter Las Palmas only on condition that they should discharge their cargoes at that port.

### DESERTERS ROUNDED UP.

Steps taken to locate deserters from naval vessels in Esquimalt harbor resulted yesterday in the arrest of four men by the naval authorities. One of the men had enlisted with the 172nd Battalion, Vancouver, and the other three with the 143rd Battalion, B. C. Bantams, Victoria. The deserters were imbued with a desire to get back into the fighting line and took French leave.

### NEUTRAL VESSELS SUNK.

London, Dec. 27.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Norwegian steamship "Sno," 1,822 tons gross, and the Danish barque "Johan" has been sunk.

## JAPANESE FREIGHTER MAKING LONG PASSAGE

Shimbu Maru, in O. S. K. Service, is 23 Days Out From Yokohama

The long passage of the Japanese steamer Shimbu Maru is causing considerable comment in local shipping circles. The steamer, which is crossing the Pacific in the service of the Osaka Shoson Kaisha, is 23 days out from Yokohama to-day, having sailed from the Japan coast on December 4.

She was looked for at this port on Saturday last and up to a late hour to-day had not been reported passing in at the Cape. As the days drag on with no sign of the vessel the fear is expressed that some mishap may have overtaken her, but no anxiety is felt for her safety. She is a tramp steamer and under favorable conditions would take from 18 to 20 days to cross the Pacific.

Heavy westerly gales have been prevalent on the Pacific during the past few weeks, a large number of vessels having been seriously delayed eastbound. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liners Shidzuoka Maru and Inaba Maru were 18 and 20 days respectively on the trip from Victoria to Yokohama, and the great C. P. R. liner Empress of Russia, a 20-knot greyhound, was delayed three days in reaching the Japan coast.

The Shimbu Maru, however, unless she puts in an appearance within the next 48 hours, will be a candidate for the missing list. She carries no wireless and has not been reported by passing vessels. The Shimbu has about 290 tons of Oriental cargo for Victoria.

B. P. Rithet & Co., local agents for the Osaka Shoson Kaisha, received a wireless from the inbound liner Tacoma Maru this morning advising them that she would reach William Head on Sunday morning. She has 130 tons of cargo and 134 sacks of mail for this port.

The Tacoma Maru is making her last voyage in the O. S. K. service to this coast. The Panاما Maru recently arrived here and it is expected that this vessel will be substituted for her.

### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Str Hanna Nielsen from Tacoma; str Morning Star from Vancouver, B. C. Sailed: Str Queen for Vancouver, B. C.; str Curacao, President and Ravalli for Tacoma; tug Kingfisher for Anyox, B. C.; Ketchikan, Dec. 25.—Sailed: Str Humboldt, Spokane; str City of Seattle, Seattle.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—Arrived: Str Wilmington, Mukilteo; barge Charles Nelson, Tacoma; str Admiral Goodrich, Nanaimo, B. C. Sailed: Str Northern Pacific, Astoria; Admiral Schley, Seattle; U. S. S. Frederick Bremer.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26.—Arrived: Str Dahlia Matthews, San Francisco; Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 26.—Sailed: Str Patmos, west coast; Hanna Nelson, Seattle. Arrived: Strs Curacao, Ravalli and President, Seattle.

ASHORE NEAR CHEFOO

Effects to float Japanese Steamer Sankaku Maru Prove Futile.

Tokio, Dec. 27.—The Japanese steamer Sankaku Maru, with 490 persons on board, has gone ashore off Chefoo, China, says a dispatch received here to-day.

Among the passengers on the Sankaku Maru are two Americans.

Efforts to float the vessel have been futile.

### TAKING WATER FAST.

The five-masted schooner Crescent, which sailed from Puget Sound for Sydney last Sunday, and which was subsequently picked up in a leaking condition by the tug Walulis and towed to Port Angeles, is reported to be making seven inches of water an hour. A survey is being made to-day to ascertain the cause of the leakage.

### DETAIN GREEK STEAMER.

Tanker Imperial Was Formerly Oil Carrier on Great Lakes.

After discharging part of her cargo at the Imperial Oil Company's plant at log, the tank steamer Imperial will steam north to Prince Rupert with distillate and gasoline. The tanker was built at Grangemouth three years ago for service on the Great Lakes and is registered at Sarnia. Her master and crew were shipped under Canadian regulations and she flies the Canadian ensign. The Imperial left the lakes for Mexico, passed through the Panama canal, and went south to Talara, Peru. Her hull has only been painted twice in three years as the composition to prevent the growth of salt water is not needed in fresh water.

The result is that the Imperial accumulated a considerable quantity of barnacles and other marine growth on the long passage from Peru. Fresh provisions ran out and for a week all hands existed on canned goods and salt horse.

DETAIN GREEK STEAMER.

New York, Dec. 27.—The Greek line steamer Patria, with six hundred passengers on board from Piraeus for New York, is detained by the British at Gibraltar, it was learned from N. A. Galano, the local agent of the line. "We have been officially informed by the British government that the entente allies have declared a blockade against Greek shipping," said Mr. Galano. "The Patria, we presume, will be detained until the blockade is lifted."

That two-headed eagle by which we now recognize Austria is one of the frauds on heraldry. It has been pointed out by old-fashioned historians with a passion for truth that when Francis of Austria gave up pretending to be the heir of the Caesars, and laid aside his claim to the Holy Roman Empire and his German kingdom, he ought to have rendered back to Caesar that which was Caesar's. But he stuck to the two-headed eagle, instead of contenting himself with the lion of his archduchy. From the point of view of the Heralds' College this conduct was as indefensible as if a private British citizen had used the arms of an English see because he claimed to be the descendant of a bishop. There was the method, however, in the usurpation. For an "emperor" with an eagle became a more distinguished personage than an archduke with a lion. —London Chronicle.

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS

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For San Francisco

Steamer President, Dec. 28.

From San Francisco

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For Seattle

Steamer Princess Adelade leaves daily at 4:30 p. m.

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From Seattle

Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.

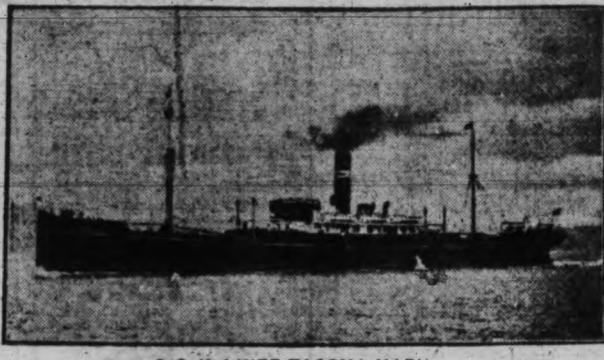
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## Reports Arrival on Sunday



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## CREW OF MANY DIALECTS LANDED

Negroes Who Mutinied Aboard Gozan Maru Are Put Ashore at San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Five British seafarers, the Cornwall, Cockney, Derbyshire, Liverpool and Tyneside arrived in San Francisco on the Matson Navigation company's flagship Maconia and mingled with the (ing) of the many nationalities on the waterfront. The accents did not come with the arrival of a party of dukes or lords but fell from the lips of fifteen of the blackest negroes who ever handled a ship's line. They were the Jamaica crew of the Japanese steamer Gozan Maru, which sailed from Balboa for Japan, reached Honolulu and there the crew quit after much turmoil.

It was funny enough to hear the stories, recited in chorus, by the negroes in their different English dialects. The Cockney was foremost and acted as spokesman with interpolations from Cornwall and the other counties.

According to their story they signed on in Balboa as able seamen at a wage of "seven pun" a month (that is \$35). One day out they found the ship was "hungry." Capt. George McKinnon, they alleged, was brutal in his treatment of them.

So when they arrived at Honolulu, they went in a body to the British consul. He gave them no satisfaction, they said, so they went to the American shipping commission, who took the matter up.

The United States authorities took the stand that as they had been signed on in the canal zone they were to be given American protection. Two lawyers were hired and took their cases into court.

Coming to the fifteen as wages was \$1,100. The lawyers won the case even to obliterating the \$60,000 bond that was recently transferred from American to British ownership. She was blacklisted by the British admiralty in April, 1916, on charges of aiding German ships in the Pacific, but was removed from the blacklist last October.

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## SPORTING NEWS

### WASHINGTON TEAMS WIN HOCKEY GAMES

Vancouver and Portland Are Defeated by Seattle and Spokane

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—Superb team work and some of the fastest skating and checking seen in the Arena here this season enabled the Seattle hockey team to walk off with the game with Vancouver last night by a score of 7 goals to 2. The victory for the Metropolitans gives them equal ranking with Vancouver at the top of the percentage column, and tightens up a race that promises to become the most thrilling in the history of Pacific coast hockey.

Weakened by the absence of Cyclone Taylor, the Millionaires fought hard for victory, but could not stop the bewildering attack of the Metros. Moulton's men were on the offensive most of the game, and except in the last period kept the puck in Vancouver territory a greater part of the time.

Summary: First period—1, Vancouver, Roberts, from Patrick, 3:34; 2, Seattle, Rowe, unassisted, 1:01; 3, Seattle, Foyston from Morris, 8:15; 4, Seattle, Foyston from Morris, 6:34.

Second period—5, Seattle, Foyston from Morris, 30; 6, Seattle, Morris from Wilson, 2:12; 7, Seattle, Foyston unassisted, 5:13; 8, Vancouver, Patrick from Stanley, 2:00.

Third period—9, Seattle, Foyston, 0:38.

Spokane Defeats Portland.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 27.—Portland was no match for Spokane last night and the locals defeated the visiting hockey players six goals to two. Spokane jumped into the lead with three goals in the first period, and this margin was never endangered. Kerr, the Spokane's goal keeper, also was excellent.

Summary: First period—Spokane, McDonald from Kerr, 3:37; Nichols from McDonald, 10:27; Kerr, from Nichols, 16:47.

Second period—Spokane, Genge from Kerr, 14:55; Portland, Harris from Bauchour, 17:07.

Third period—Spokane, Cook from Kerr, 15:13; Portland, Harris from Loughlin, 19:42.

Penalties: First period—Dundendale, 3 mins.; Loughlin, 3 mins.; Genge, 3 mins. Second period—Mallen, 3 mins.; Loughlin, 3 mins.; Tobin, 3 mins.; Patrick, 3 mins. Third period—Lloyd Cook, 3 mins.

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FRED HARRIS

Of the Portland hockeyists, who scored two goals for the Uncle Sams in yesterday's game against Spokane.

### AUSTRALIAN SCULLER DIES AT URULLA

Edward Trickett, Who Took Championship From England, Passes Away

New York, Dec. 27.—News of the death of Edward Trickett, the noted Australian sculler at Urulla, N. S. W., reached here to-day. Trickett, who was born at Sydney, N. S. W., was the first man to deprive England of the professional sculling championship in 1876. In June of that year, he visited England and defeated Joseph Sadler, the English champion, over the Thames course, and it was not until Ernest Barry, the present champion, defeated Dick Arnst in 1912, that the title was regained for England.

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### SOLDIERS INDULGE IN SPORT IN FAR EAST

Interesting Paper is Published by Canadians in Trenches at Salonica

The following extract from the "Convoy Call," a paper published by the troops at Salonica, will be of interest to the public in general from the fact that the names of several Victorians appear in it. The article is headed "Football Facts":

The football season is again with us and prospects are bright for a good winter's sport.

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The team is very proud of its unbeaten record. More than twenty games have been played since our arrival, and with the present lineup we can confidently look forward to another successful season.

### ESQUIMALT GUN CLUB HELD GOOD SHOOT

Though cold, the weather was ideal for the annual turkey shoot held at the club's traps, Admirals road, Esquimalt, on Sunday morning.

Over 1500 targets were trapped and some fine shooting was witnessed, the light being very good, and as a result many "possibles" were registered.

Messrs. Lohbrunner, Weiler, Sylvester, Peden and Fred Ricketts carried off the honors, and also many turkeys between them.

The large turkey kindly donated by Messrs. Kelly, Douglas & Co. caused much competition and was eventually won by "Maxie" with 10 "straight."

Taken all around, the shoot provided good sport and went off very smoothly. Despite the absence of many familiar faces—for a large percentage of the gun club's members are doing their bit in France—the attendance was good. It was hoped to obtain a fairly large sum but the high price of turkeys proved a severe handicap. About \$20 will be available for patriotic purposes as a result of the morning's sport.

### TENNIS ON SKATES IS SUCCESS IN NEW YORK

Ice tennis, that's the latest in sport. This form of competition was tried out for the first time in this country at the ice skating rink in New York recently, and was voted a success.

Two of the first ten ranking players were among the contestants. They were Watson M. Washburn and Dean Mathey. The other three who played were Frederick B. Alexander, who suggested the game; Theodore Roosevelt Pell and Francis T. Hunter. Washburn and Mathey played several sets of doubles against Alexander and Pell, and the honors were even, for no score was kept. The matches served to prove that ice tennis is not only feasible, but that it offers opportunity for an exciting winter pastime.

Still in skating is, of course, a necessity, but it was evident that tennis skill of a high order could be developed in the ice game. The players served, drove and volleyed with much of the same dash and skill which they display on dirt or grass courts, the fact of being on skates hindering them only now and then.

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### IS BEST RUN MAKER FOR 1916 SEASON

Walter Pipp, of New York Yankees, Has Fine Record for the Year

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Repeating among the team leaders were Lewis, Pratt and Pipp. The latter drove in fifty-eight runs in 1915 and so improved almost 100 per cent.

Detroit, as usual, showed the way in hitting runs, the Tigers knocking 365 over the date. The next most powerful a man was possessed by the Cleveland Indians, who drove in 553. New York batters were third with 491, while the other totals were Chicago, 483; St. Louis, 471; Washington, 457; Boston, 443, and Philadelphia, 388.

George Burns, of Detroit, holds the year's greatest individual tally hitting record by knocking in six runs in a game played at the Polo grounds on July 15. He hit for the team with the bases full in the second inning, scored Cobb from third later on a single and finished up by scoring Bush from third on a sacrifice fly. Mobridge and Caldwell pitched for the Yankees.

Seven players batted in five runs in a single game. Burns being one of the number and the first to turn the trick. This time he starred against the Red Sox in a game in which the title holders were beaten, 6 to 5. The date was June 9, and the Boston pitchers were Ruth and Mays. The last run Burns scored decided the game in Detroit's favor.

### OLD COUNTRY SOCCER.

London, Dec. 27 (deleyed).—Following are the results of football games played on Christmas Day in the London Combination on the grounds of the first named clubs:

Brentford, 1; Tottenham Hotspur, 5; Chelsea, 1; West Ham United, 1; Crystal Palace, 2; Southampton, 2; Clapton Orient, 1; Portsmouth, 1; Luton Town, 1; Fulham, 0; Millwall Athletic, 3; Watford, 0; Queen's Park Rangers, 2; Woolwich Arsenal, 2.

### YESTERDAY'S ENGLISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

The year probably saw the passing of Maurice E. McLoughlin as one of the contenders for the championship. The "Comet" is in the sporting goods business and if the United States National Lawn Tennis Association rules against a man engaged in this line, McLoughlin will probably have "hidden" good-bye to amateur tennis. This question of amateurism has been one of the big issues throughout the season. The Pacific coast men have not attempted to disguise their antagonism to any rule which will bar McLoughlin and there are said to be many in the East who will support them. A split in the tennis association has even been predicted if the proposed amateur rule is made a law.

### BOWLING NEWS.

The Cameron Lumber Company's team was defeated last night at the Arcadia alley by the bowlers of the Silver Spring Brewery. The scores follow:

J. Wilson ..... 158 131 142-431  
J. Denoni ..... 129 173 126-428  
J. C. Thamer ..... 97 96 115-308  
N. Wenborn ..... 124 123 145-352  
A. Castro ..... 145 120 96-306  
Total—1,822 points.

### REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Saanich that a vote will be taken on Saturday, January 13th, 1917, on the question: "ON WHICH DAY ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF A HALF-HOLIDAY?"

The poll will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. on the 13th day of January, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Roads; for the Second Ward, at Tolmie School House, Bolekine Road; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndall Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Saanich Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tillicum Road and Obed Avenue; and such polling places will be open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m. of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

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FRESH SUPPLY LOCAL. FISH received daily. Fresh delivery. W. J. Wriggworth, 651 Johnson. Phone 661.

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FRED FOSTER, 1216 Government street. Phone 1357.

## FURNITURE MOVERS

MOVE YOUR FURNITURE by motor, cheaper and quicker; prices reasonable. J. D. Williams. Phone 870.

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BUILDERS' AND AGRICULTURAL LIME. Exton & Howitt, 325 Central Bldg. Phone 27411, 292 or 421.

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BRAY'S STABLES, 728 Johnson. Livery boarding, hacks, express wagon, etc. Phone 332.

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SHAWNIGAN LAKE MILLWOOD—In solid wood, \$3.25 per cord; bark wood, \$3.50 per cord; R. bark wood, \$3 per cord. Phone 5309. JES

CAMERON WOOD CO.—Millwood, \$2 per cord; \$3.50 per cord; kindling, 50c per cord. Phone 5309. JES

## PLASTERER

PLASTERING—Frank Thomas, plasterer, repairing, etc.; prices reasonable. Phone 2817. 178 Albert Ave., city, JES

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SEWERPIPE WARE—Field tiles, ground fire clay, etc. R. C. Pottery Co., Ltd., corner Broad and Pandora streets.

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T. BUTCHER, sewer and cement work, 2350 Lee avenue. Phone 5251. JES

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VICTORIA PLUMBING CO., 1032 Pandora street. Phones 2402 and 14591.

PLUMBING AND REPAIR—C. W. Foxford & Son, 1698 Douglas St. Phone 768.

THACKER & HOLT, plumbing and heating. Jobbing promptly attended to. Phone 2300. JES

## SCAVENGING

VICTORIA SCAVENGING CO., Office 1826 Government street. Phone 662. Ashes and Garbage removed.

## SHOE REPAIRING

FOOT SATISFACTION in shoe repairing. Arthur Hibbs, 615 Trounce Avenue, opposite Colonist Building. Phone 4162.

SHOE REPAIRING promptly and neatly, reasonably priced. H. White, 1317 Blackford St., two doors from telephone office.

## TAXIDERMISTS

VICTORIA TRUCK & DRAY CO., LTD., Office and stables, 249 Brightonton St. Telephones 15, 1768, 1793.

## TYPEWRITERS

TYPEWRITERS—New and second-hand, metal, wood, ribbed, for all machines. United Typewriter Co., Ltd., 732 Fort street, Victoria. Phone 4738.

## VACUUM CLEANERS

HAVE THE AUTO VACUUM for your carpets. Satisfaction assured. Phone 4616.

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GOOD LOG WOOD, cut into stove lengths, for sale; delivered anywhere in city limits for \$4.50 a cord. Phone 5021. JES

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WESTERN COAL & WOOD CO.—Cordwood, any length; lump coal, \$1.50; nut, \$2.50. Phone 4758.

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FOR THE BENEFIT of young women in or out of employment. Rooms and board. A home from home, 756 Courtneystreet.

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F. L. HAYNES, high-grade watchmakers and engravers, manufacturing jewelers. We specialize in ring making. Wedding rings at shortest notice. Best and cheapest house repairs. All work guaranteed. 1124 Government. JES

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ISLAND WINDOW CLEANING CO.—Phones 3315 and 5195. Pioneer window cleaners and janitors. 346 Arnold.

## LODGES

CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS—Court-Columbus, 824, meets 4th Monday 8 p.m.; Orange Hall, Yates St. R. H. O. Savage, 191 Moss St. Tel. 1751.

## S. O. E. S. JUVENILE ENGLAND

meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays A. O. F. Hall, 7 o'clock. Secretary, A. E. Brindley, 1617 Pembroke.

## DANISH ORDER OF ENGLAND

meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays 8 p.m.; 4th Tuesday, 8 p.m.; 1st Friday, 8 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 8 p.m.; 3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.; 4th Saturday, 8 p.m.

## FOOTBALL

FOOTBALLS, \$2.25; boxing gloves, \$2.50; Indian clubs, 40c.; roller skates, 90c. and 45c.; baseball sticks, \$1.25. Other sporting goods as well. Harris & Smith, 120 Broad street.

## ALL BLACK SOIL and manure.

Phone 1864.

## BICYCLES (adults or girls'), \$3.50; electric lamps, \$2.25; candle-bulb lamps, \$2.25; oil lamps, \$1.50. See our light waterproof capes and leggings. Baby carriage tires put on while you wait. Carriage wheels always in stock. Harris &amp; Smith, 120 Broad street.

## FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE OR HIRE—Good delivery horse, medium size. Apply, phone 46270.

## HELP WANTED—MALE

SMART BOY, about sixteen, for whole-sale warehouse. Box 1098. Times, JES

## LAW STUDENT

Messrs. Jackson & Baker have a vacancy for junior student. 427.

## SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Alexandra No. 18, meets first Thursday at 8 p.m.; 4th Tuesday, 8 p.m.; 1st Friday, 8 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 8 p.m.; 3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.; 4th Saturday, 8 p.m.

## DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 8 p.m.; 1st Friday, 8 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 8 p.m.; 3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.

## B. C. YOUTH

meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 8 p.m.; 3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.

## EMPLOYERS OF HELP

who may now have a maid, nurse, skilled or unskilled labor, either single or female, should send their names at once to the Municipal Free Labor Bureau and let us send you the man or woman to do that work?

## WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Furniture of all kinds for furnishing, stove, piano, carpets. Full value given and spot cash ready. Box 508. Times.

## PICTURE FRAMES and trays made to order. 715 Yates.

## TO CATCH YOUR BOAT or train, call 5407. cor. Fisgard and Government Bldgs.

## GRAPHOPHONES

sold on easy payments. 718 Yates.

## SHAKESPEARE

said "Delays are dangerous." Moral, don't trifling with your car repairs. Means trouble. Arthur Dandridge, Ford specialist, Gordon St., near Weller's. Phone 418.

## SECOND-HAND AND JUNK

—We buy everything, clothes, furniture, old cars, radios, typewriters, etc. British Columbia Second-Hand & Junk Co. Phone 2982 or Phone 5081.

## PIANOS BOUGHT for spot cash. MacPorter.

WANTED—To buy, old copper, brass, steel, lead, iron, sacks, bottles, furniture, old stones, old pipes, machinery, any old equipment and anything else. 1126 Victoria Junk Agency Co., 1126 Wharf street. Phone 5267 for second-hand department. 1009 Store street. Our motto is: A square deal and highest market value.

## WANTED—Any quantity chickens, or ducks, cash paid at your house. Phone 5615, or write 415 Elliot street, city.

## GARDENING

Gardens made and kept, lots cleared, lawns made, cellars cemented, tiles laid and cement walks; contract or day work; trees pruned and sprayed. N. H. Hop, P. O. Box 865.

## DIAMONDS

antiques, old gold bought and sold. Mrs. Aranson, next Dial House, 1000. JES

## BEST PRICES

paid for gents' cast-off clothing. Give me a trial. Phone 2007. 1009 Store street.

## Where Do You Hang Your Hat?

## Where Do You Place Your Umbrella?

An untidy display of wearing apparel sometimes reflect on an otherwise well appearing office or home.

## Here's Your Opportunity in Hat and Umbrella Racks

With Umbrella Rack and Pan and in oak, \$6.00 and ..... \$7.50



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617-View Street-619

Wide range up to \$14.00

\$4.50

## Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be seen:

610, 625, 631, 662, 686, 690, 729, 872, 903, 907, 908, 1012, 1024, 1089, 6254, 6314.

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGGONISMS—"When the moon infects the earth we hope they will not make the rest of us get off." Diggon Printing Co., 765 Yates street. Some wonderful bargains in gift stationery this week. High-class goods.

CHUMS, T. N. Hibben & Co.

THE UMBRELLA SHOP has removed to 1412 Douglas. Covering and repairs. Waites & Knapton. Phone 2439.

PING PONG SETE, T. N. Hibben & Co. Why GO HOME TO EAT when you can get away to the many fine four courses at the Vernon Cafe for 50c? Try it once and you will keep on trying it. Tables for 100.

FOR SALE—Good dry cordwood, 12 and 16 in. blocks, delivered, \$5.00. D. Lewis, 40778.

MIL BRITLING SEES IT THROUGH T. N. Hibben & Co.

THE GIRL PHILIPPA, by Robert W. Chambers, T. N. Hibben & Co.

WATERMAN and Swan fountain pens. T. N. Hibben & Co.

FULL LINE of Phillips' chocolates in boxes from 2c. up, at Phillips', 102 Government Street.

DON'T YOU HATE I TOLD YOU, but Bill spends all his money with his jitney in buying Hamsterley Farm caramel cream toffee and goes without his meals. I thought you ought to know. Ernest.

WHY IS IT so many people ask for Phillips' chocolates and candies? Because they are of the make and quality that you can't buy for less.

WANTED—Lessons in French. Box 194, Times.

WANTED—Set of carpenter's tools, in good condition. What offers for cash? Box 300, Times.

BOND, pianist and teacher of advanced technique. A few children accepted. Box 167, Times.

LOST—Gold pendant and chain, Sunday night, near St. Andrew's church, or Fairfield district. Reward. Phone 3808, or Box 169, Times.

FOR SALE—The most up-to-date bungalow in the last two blocks from Parliament Buildings, Beacon Hill park and sea. I will sell, furnished or unfurnished, clear title. Apply owner, 120 Clarence street.

WANTED—Girl or woman for light house work, family of three; must speak Spanish. Apply Box 464, Times.

WANTED—To rent, seven-room, modern house, with garage, near school and car. Box 191, Times.

FOR MONTH to good tenant, 6 rooms house on Grant street, near B.C. Cash advance, 611 Esquimalt street, or Phone 2886, 423.

FOR SALE—At Maywood P. O. on Douglas or Clarendon avenue, pocket book containing money. Return to 3411 Cook St.

DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND—Lodge Prismose is holding a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 28. Any member's child or any member of the Prismose Lodge "Young England" who has not received an invitation please phone 2942.

FARIALL'S, LTD., are noted for their really high-class ginger ale. Always ask for Fariall's. Phone 212.

FOR SALE—Cash register and fittings. Apply Manitoba Cigar Stand.

WE HAVE clear title, choice Victoria lots to trade for farm land, Kootenay preferred, might assume mortgage. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank.

WE WANT a furnished house for a desirable tenant, immediate occupation, close to our car. Dunford's, 311 Union Bank.

GET THAT BICYCLE for the youngster! It will afford Roller skates, 90c; goggles, \$1.25; microscope, \$7; magic lantern and slides, \$10; electric cycle lamps, \$2.75; Solar lamps, \$4; oil lamps, \$1 and up; cameras, \$2.50 and up. Philley's Cycle Store, 311 View street.

WANTED—Respectable arms, waitress, Vernon Cafe.

WAHL SEVEN, SAANICH—Public meetings to-night. Presbyterian Hall, Tillicum road, 8 o'clock—Municipal affairs reviewed. Candidates for councillors and reeve selected. Everybody welcome. 227

EXCHANGE—Ford roadster, best condition, for 5-passenger. Box 198, Times.

## BORN

DUGGAN—To the wife of Mr. Allan Duggan, who is now in France, at 1133 Fisgard street, on Sunday, Dec. 24, 1916, a daughter.

## DIED

FORBES—On the 23rd inst., at his home, 244, Work street, Andrew Fraser Forbes, son of Andrew Forbes, of Scotland, on the 20th day of August, 1884. The deceased was the beloved husband of Mrs. Catherine J. Forbes and a resident of this city for the past 23 years. He was a member of Victoria's Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., which lodge he was a valued member and made many lasting friends. He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his widow, five children, Bessie, Gordon, Norman, Katherine and Eddie.

The remains will be removed on Friday, the 28th inst., by the Sandy Funeral Company, and a full service, where the general service will take place at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

## LOCAL NEWS

New Year Greeting and Calling Cards at short notice. Sweeney-McCoffin, Ltd., printers and stationers, 1012 Langley St.

If You Require a Reliable Watch for Xmas at an extremely low price, go to Haynes, Victoria's Watchman, 1124 Government St.

St. Andrew's Cathedral—This evening at 8 o'clock there will be a grand rally of the Catholic men of the city in the cathedral. A special address will be given by Rev. Father Sholly on "The Great Need of the Day." All the Catholics in the city, men and women, are cordially invited to meet once more the eloquent missionary preacher whose efforts a few weeks ago were so much appreciated.

First Dance of the New Year, Connaught hall, commencing 12.15 a.m. January 1. Gents, 50c; ladies, free. Evening dancing from 9 to 1. Gents, 50c; ladies, 25c. Mann's Orchestra.

City School Board—At the meeting of the city school board to-morrow afternoon, appointments will be made to the vacancies in the teaching staff.

Board of Trade Committee—The harbors and navigation committee of the Board of Trade met this morning and made arrangements for the preparation of the case in regard to the development of the Indian reserve property of the provincial government. This report will be presented to the government in due course.

Sheriff's Rights—Judge Lampman this morning handed down a memorandum of a decision in regard to an application made on behalf of Sheriff Richards. It arose out of the case of the defendant, Judgment was entered and the sheriff took possession. Before the goods were sold the money was paid, but the sheriff put in a bill for poundage. His honor decided that as there had been no sale there could be no poundage charge.

Aspects of Modern Democracy—On Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the provincial library, parliament buildings, Dr. Adam Short, C. M. G., Commissioner of the Civil Service in Canada, will deliver a lecture on "Some Aspects of Modern Democracy." Dr. Short's eminence as a writer and student of public affairs is well known. His published works include: "Imperial Preferential Trade From a Canadian Point of View;" "Lord Sydenham" (Makers of Canada Series); "Documents Relating to the Constitutional History of Canada, 1859-1861." He is president of the Ottawa branch of the Moral and Reform Council, vice-president of the Ottawa Archaeological Society, and a member of the Canadian-Historical Manuscript Commission. He occupied the position of Professor in Political Science at Queen's University from 1892 to 1905. In 1911 he was created C. M. G. Professor Short is a learned and attractive speaker, and this lecture, which is open to the public, is certain to attract a big audience.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

SHOWCASE cash register and counter for sale. No. Fort.

FOR SALE—Small cash business showing profit. Box 196, Times.

WANTED—Young man with knowledge and typewriting for railway office, to take employment with view of remaining in the service. State age, qualifications, etc., and address application in own handwriting, with typewritten copy, to Box 441, Times.

ADVERTISER wants room and board in private family, centrally located. Apply Box 646, Times.

FOR SALE—Cheer, one 1912 Studebaker roadster, run little over ten thousand miles, demountable rims, good tires all round, one good spare; one good 1913 Chalmers, touring, good tires, electric lights, with gear, good, model R. Sedan, four cylinder, timber bearing equipment, full floating axles, one 1913 Overland, electric lights, self-starter, four brand new Dominion tires, one spare. All cars in good condition. To be in running order. Will give terms. Call and see me, snaps, or phone for demonstration. Jameson, Rolfe & Willis, corner Courtney and Gordon streets, Victoria, B. C.

## FIGURES ALLEGED TO BE INCORRECT

Health Department Inquiry Continues To-day; an Inspectorate at Loggerheads

At the health department inquiry, which resumed this morning, counsel for Inspector Lancaster charged Dr. G. A. H. Hall, medical health officer, with juggling with the figures, in order to substantiate the case he has lodged.

Dr. Hall denied the impeachment, saying he had used no figures which could not be substantiated.

Mr. McDiarmid: "Well, look here. We know that at the private session, before we asked for a public investigation, the doctor put in a list of drugs, showing an item of about \$44. Now it comes up at the public investigation and the figure is \$103. Am I not justified in using the language of juggling?"

Dr. Hall said additional accounts had come in, which raised the amount in the meanwhile.

Mr. McDiarmid protested that the doctor was making an attempt to mislead the committee.

The chairman, Alderman Bell, took the opinion of the committee members, and decided not to press the investigation of figures at that stage.

Corporal Clarkson, recalled, produced a letter signed by Inspector Lancaster, which instructed him to come to the camping ground at Cordova Bay during business hours and bring out some provisions. To Dr. Hall he denied that anyone had attempted to guide the evidence he had to give to the committee.

F. A. Dibble, secretary of the association, in an interview to-day said that of course these amendments can be had only through legislation at the first sitting of parliament. A referendum vote, taken at the coming municipal election, could only change the day from Saturday to Wednesday and would have no power to deal with the many changes that the past months have shown to be very necessary.

One of the points that is overlooked is that the wholesale and retail trade are brought under the same act, while the conditions under which these two branches of industry are carried on are entirely different. The wholesaler maintains that it has long been the custom of his business house to observe Saturday as a half-holiday and that any change just at present would not be in the best interests of his trade.

The omission in the act to provide for holiday shopping, etc., and the opportunities for unfair competition in many lines of trade, together with the inequalities shown in the penalties for violation of the law are a few of the points that the Retail Merchants' Association feels should be brought before the legislature. The association is strongly opposed to a referendum vote that such a vote could affect only the day, which is but one of the many difficulties that have to be solved before satisfaction will be experienced by the community at large. It is therefore the opinion of the local organization that the above-mentioned amendments should be obtained before an effort is made to have a referendum to change the day.

A dispute arose between Dr. Hall and Mr. McDiarmid with regard to the production of books, stated to have been kept by witness.

Mr. McDiarmid insisted on the production of the diaries, etc., saying: "You conduct your case with innuendos and insinuations, and half-truths. The department is under your control and yet you don't produce them."

The members of the committee intervened to state that the books would be required later.

The chairman particularly asked if there had been discussion between the chief inspector and witness as to what evidence should be given at the inquiry.

Witness: Not particularly. The chairman, after asking him if it was not true that he had privately told some one that he would be glad to see a change in the chief inspectorship, a question to which he gave an affirmative answer, expressed the opinion that Howes appeared to have developed a change of attitude towards Lancaster in the meantime.

Mr. Howes replied that his negative evidence with regard to a number of matters which the doctor had asked was of a different character to something which had not yet been mentioned. (What that was he did not say.)

He remembered some cheesecloth being used to fix up a room in Lancaster's place at Cordova Bay. They had cheesecloth for cleaning the doctor's car kept at the office.

Witness corroborated the statement that Mr. Lancaster had suggested one of them should leave. It was at the time when retrenchment was in the air, and it was felt one of the inspectors must leave.

The chairman asked Mr. Howes if he had not been in consultation with Mr. McDiarmid at his office about the case.

Mr. McDiarmid: Surely to goodness you don't suggest that I would advise the man not to tell the truth!

It transpired, however, that witness had called on Mr. McDiarmid, but found that he was away, and did not go back.

The chairman commented on witness's varying memory. Some points in 1914 were clear, others were not.

James King, in charge of the Clover Point sewer tank, gave evidence as to the construction of the building there. It appeared that some articles had been stolen therefrom, but not city property.

Ex-Alderman George McAndless, former chairman of the health committee, remembered that at the inquiry of 1915 it was stated some articles had been given to Mr. King for the Clover Point tank. As far as he remembered, Mr. King had complained the articles mentioned had not reached him. He understood, as chairman of the committee, that diaries were not started in the office till the fall of 1915. He saw the doctor almost daily and received verbal reports, and occasionally saw Inspector Lancaster.

He remembered the inspector stating he was not well, and intended to take a holiday, during the summer of 1915. How often Lancaster was away he could not recollect.

Alderman Fullerton wanted to find out if it was possible to carry out the attempted theft of money by officials in the making of cans, as had been suggested by Contractor Market.

The mayor said it was absolutely necessary to have the evidence of the official who received the cans.

Mr. McDiarmid wanted the original documents produced.

The city assessor, who was at the time city purchasing agent, remembered the delivery of the cans. He explained how the inspection was con-

ducted, and the checks taken to avoid mistakes.

"We say it is not true," and "we say that it is a fool thing to think that it would be," replied Mr. McDiarmid, with regard to the Market charges, when doubt was cast on the reliability of the checking officials.

The inquiry adjourned till the afternoon.

## ANSWERS CRITICISM OF EXCESS LEVIES

City Comptroller Shows That "Arrears" Fund Comprises Several Assets

An interesting answer from the city comptroller was filed with city council last evening answering the statements which have frequently appeared in letters to the press and in meetings of the Civic Retrenchment Association, that money is being withdrawn from the pockets of the willing tax payers in order to make up the deficiency caused by other taxpayers either able or unwilling to pay their taxes.

The figure in statements, "Arrears," appears to be the stumbling block. As Mr. Raymunt states, the arrears does not represent overpayments of taxes, but are due to three reasons: (1) The city must levy the sum sufficient to cover expenditure, irrespective of whether the taxes are paid within the period or not, and thus after the rebate date, the extra sum goes into the arrears.

(2) The saving on the estimates at the latter part of each year.

(3) The result of the canvass of the Victoria Retail Merchants' Association with regard to the experience of merchants, and their present opinions on the Saturday half-holiday law, makes it apparent that in their opinion many amendments are required in order to make workable and satisfactory to employer, employee, and the general public.

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## GERMANS WOULD SINK ALL VESSELS

People Reported to Be Demanding the Resumption of Campaign of Frightfulness

## BATTLE RAGING ON ROUMANIAN FRONT

In Some Sectors Enemy Has Been Repulsed With Heavy Losses

New York, Dec. 27.—The Herald, in a prominently displayed front page article, declares it is "enabled to announce authoritatively" that the German people are demanding of their government the resumption of the campaign of frightfulness, even at the cost of war with the United States. The article reads: "Mr. James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Berlin, and other diplomats in Germany who were recently in America, came for the purpose of discussing the situation in Germany and of effecting some sort of arrangement so that peace between the two countries could still be maintained, according to a high government official."

"Only the personal insistence of the German emperor, however, aided by the influence of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German Chancellor, has checked an order from German submarine commanders to sink every ship approaching a British port, whether armed or unarmed, whether enemy or neutral."

"In a recent conference with American diplomats in Germany, the president was told that even the Conservative party in Germany favored a resumption of the submarine campaign, and that not even the Kaiser and Chancellor would be able to hold in leash the dogs of war beyond this spring. It was this information which caused the president to send out his recent note on the subject of peace which has so puzzled the students of international politics all over the world. It was this information which must have been in the mind of Mr. Lansing, the secretary of state, when he said that the United States was 'on the verge of war.'

The official who gave this information to the Herald made a further explanation.

"The German people reason that one or two more nations against them will make but a slight difference," he said. "They know that not for years could an enemy invade German soil. Therefore, they say, why not starve England as one of the measures to end the war? They are demanding to know of their government why it permits the United States to ship millions of tons of war and to say that such vessels must not be sunk."

"The chancellor, and even the Kaiser, has told the people that Germany must keep the friendship of the United States so that Germany can come here and borrow money for rehabilitation after the war. The answer of the people has been: 'Why not win the war and let our money for rebuilding come in the form of indemnities from the enemies of Germany?'

This question those who are our friends abroad are trying to answer, and they are trying it very unsuccessfully.

"Recently I made a trip through Germany. Because of a government connection I was treated with courtesy, but I could see that Americans were hated. Americans living there told me that Americans were despised even more than the British in some quarters, and the Britons in the Teutons' arch-enemy. Strange to say, the Germans told me they liked the French."

"President Wilson was informed that unless some radical step was taken the German people would force war with the United States if he did not declare war on Germany. The president received this information slightly more than a month ago. The government official declared: 'For I was told on the highest authority that Germany will start her campaign of frightfulness before the spring drive of the allies begins, and if the campaign of marine terror is waged there is only one thing America can do and that is declare war.'

## NO REPLY FROM CARRANZA

Washington, Dec. 27.—In the absence of any reply from General Carranza to the insistence of the American commissioners that he ratify or reject the protocol signed at Atlantic City, Secretary Lane, chairman of the American commissioners, took the first step today, closing the negotiations. He sent to Dr. R. M. Mott and Judge George Gray, the other members of the American commission, a request to meet him here some time this week. At that meeting there will be agreed upon the details for bringing to an end the conferences of the Mexican-American joint commission. The only communication from the Mexicans received today was a note from the secretary of the Mexican commission, sent last night, in which it was said that no reply from General Carranza had been received.

## GREEK ARMY IS BEING DEMOBILIZED

London, Dec. 27.—The foreign office has received advices that the Greek government is carrying out its promise to demobilize the Greek army.

## TAKING OFFICERS' COURSE IN ENGLAND

University Battalion Has Been Converted Into Training Corps

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The following official statement on military operations was issued to-day:

"'Roumanian front.—Throughout the day the enemy made a number of fierce attacks along almost the whole of the front. In the region of the upper stream of the river Rinnik, north of Megura, he succeeded in pressing back slightly our cavalry detachments and infantry detachments of the Roumanians."

"On the Rinnik road our detachments, after having repulsed a series of attacks, were obliged to abandon first line trenches which were demolished by artillery fire."

"Enemy attacks in the remaining sectors were beaten back with great losses to him, and in the village of Valea-Selzit by our counter-attack, we captured several machine guns."

The battle along the front continues. In Dobruja there were operations by small detachments."

### GERMAN STATEMENT

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The five-day battle that has been in progress in Eastern Wallachia has resulted in the piercing of the Russian lines at several points, army headquarters announced to-day. The Russians were definitely defeated on a front of 17 kilometers southwest of Rinnik-Sarat. Several fortified villages have been captured by the Teutonic Danube army, and the Russians have been forced to retreat to prepared positions further north.

A total of 700 prisoners and 27 machine guns have been captured since Dec. 22 by the 9th army and more than 1,300 prisoners by the Danube army.

## TURKS ARE ROUTED BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The official statement regarding operations on the Caucasian front, issued to-day, says:

"On Monday night the Turks, about one battalion strong, assumed the offensive in the region of Petrakol, but were repulsed by our fire. By our counter-attack the Turks were driven into their entrenchments."

"In the region of Chirakhan, west of Mesh, our detachments drove the Turks from their trenches and captured some prisoners."

"In the vicinity of Lake Van, our detachments, after having dislodged a Turkish patrol guard, developed an attack and occupied the village of Attman. Under our pressure the Turks, about one battalion strong, retired eastward."

## JAPANESE DIET OPENED BY EMPEROR

Tokio, Dec. 27.—The diet was opened to-day by the emperor, who, in his address from the throne, expressed his gratification that the relations between the empire and the treaty powers were growing closer. He declared that the alliance with Great Britain and the convention with France were becoming stronger, and called attention also to the new convention with Russia, which he termed a matter for congratulation. The emperor explained that he had ordered the ministers to draft bills necessary for the development of the country "keeping in mind the world situation."

## RECEIVES COPIES OF LETTER.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Copies of a letter from former Premier Venizelos to Gen. Krakas, head of the Greek revolutionary movement in Athens, calling for extreme efforts to bring Greece into war on the side of the allies, even to "the destruction at the proper hour of all designated persons no matter who they may be," were delivered to the state department to-day by Greek Charge Vorous for its information. The letter was said to have been seized in the general's house and was dated Nov. 24.

## PETROLEUM SUPPLY.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Methods of development and cheapening for commercial purposes the supply of petroleum in this country and Canada will be among the principal subjects discussed at the annual meetings of the Geological Society of America and Paleontological Association of American State Geologists, the first of which were held to-day. Scientists from all parts of the country, including 36 state geologists, are here for the sessions.

## OUTNUMBERED BY VILLA TROOPS

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—Official confirmation of the occupation of Torreon by Villa forces was made to-day by Carranza's Consul Bravo here. Torreon was evacuated by Gen. Talamante and his command of 1,500 de facto troops, Bravo said, because of a superior force.

Consul Bravo denied the rumors which were held to-day. Scientists from all parts of the country, including 36 state geologists, are here for the sessions.

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## EXPECTED GERMANY TO OUTLINE TERMS

## ARTILLERY ACTIVE IN YPRES SALIENT

Reply From Berlin Proves Disappointing to Washington Officials

## WILL BE DISCUSSED BY CABINET ON FRIDAY

Washington, Dec. 27.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note had not been received here in official form early to-day and officials were reserving their comment until they had opportunity to study it.

Despite the disappointment because Germany has not acceded to the president's suggestion and laid down her terms, the general view prevailed that the reply was another step forward in the peace movement because it left room for subsequent negotiations.

The United States undoubtedly is ex-

pecting a favorable reply from the Ger-

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## GREAT INCREASE IN OUTPUT OF COAL

On Vancouver Island There  
Was Gain of Nearly One-  
Half on 1915

An increase of twenty-six per cent. in the tonnage of coal mined in the province is shown by a statement which the minister of mines had prepared some days ago. This gratifying figure is greatly exceeded by the increase in the mines on Vancouver Island, where the increase in tonnage was forty-eight per cent.

The tonnage for 1916 is, of course, estimated so far as the present month is concerned, but the figures for 1915 are the actual amounts mined by each of the colliery operators in the province.

In the Crow's Nest Pass field there was an increase of about ten per cent. in the output at Coal Creek, but at Michel there was a decrease of twelve per cent. Eighteen increased output in the various mines in the Nicola field. The largely increased output in the Vancouver Island mines brings up the average.

In coke the largest increase and largest percentage of increase was at the Comox ovens of the Canadian Collieries. The Michel ovens showed considerable increase, but at Fernie there was a large falling-off.

In long tons of 2,240 pounds the output of the several mines is as follows:

Coal.	Gains or Loss.	1916.	1915.	1916.
Company.				
C. N. P. C. Co. (Coal)		167,325	211,594	155,631
C. N. P. C. Co. (Michel)		244,458	278,124	32,068
Corbin Coal & Coke Company		63,926	62,544	6,382
Princeton Coal & Land Co.		24,553	16,548	9,006
Middleboro' Collieries Co.		49,146	47,893	1,352
Inland Coal & Coke Company		35,840	34,730	1,581
Pacific Coal Syndicate		1,005	1,005	1,005
Weston Fuel Co.		569,608	415,723	144,277
Comox-Nanaimo C. M. Co.		75,367	47,502	31,981
Pacific Coast Coal Mines		155,000	129,421	25,569
Canadian Collieries (Comox)		453,152	260,841	192,581
Canadian Collieries (Extension)		262,377	166,971	96,406
		2,456,993	1,972,580	523,373
Colic.				
C. N. P. C. Co.				
Fernie		129,600	147,129	18,129
C. N. P. C. Co.		133,421	95,252	26,139
Canadian Collieries, Comox		28,044	5,450	22,594
		270,675	245,371	24,864

## ONE SOLDIER ARRIVES

Cpl. Vallee, of 102nd Battalion, suffering from Wounds Received in Action.

One returned soldier, Cpl. C. Vallee, who enlisted at Prince Rupert, and went to the front as a member of the 2nd Battalion, which went from Comox last June, came in on the afternoon boat to-day. Cpl. Vallee, was wounded in the left arm and in the face, and has his sight impaired by shell explosion.

Ten men are due to arrive on the afternoon boat from Vancouver to-morrow provided the C. P. R. train reaches the coast in time. They are: Ptes. Maher, J. McCaffrey, 30th Battalion; Pte. J. A. McGregor, C. P. T. D.; Pte. D. McClellan, 2nd Battalion; Pte. R. Patton, 30th Battalion; Pte. W. J. Preston, 38th Battalion; Ptes. C. W. Sweetzer and C. E. White, 30th Battalion; and Pte. C. T. Whitehead, 30th Battalion.

Pte. Powers, who was travelling with the same detachment from Ottawa, has been given seven days' furlough at Regina, and Pte. Fleming, also of the detachment, is stopping over at Calgary for seven days.

**Bet Sugar Possibilities.**—Representations are being made to the government in the matter of the cultivation of sugar beets and the production of beet sugar, to which agricultural and industrial developments it is said this province lends itself particularly.

**Meet Civil Servants.**—Professor Adam Shortt, who is here in connection with the revision of the Civil Service of this province will meet the local members of the Dominion service at the Empress hotel on Saturday evening, when it is understood he will deliver an address.

**Gold and Silver Collection.**—The committee of the Blue Cross fund will send out collectors for broken gold and silver as soon as possible after Thursday, Dec. 28. Those who have contributions to make will greatly assist the work of collectors by having these contributions ready beforehand. No collector is authorized by the society who cannot show a card signed by the secretary or president. Telephone calls to 4960, stating where such collections can be made will be greatly appreciated.

**RESUMES COMMAND.**

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Colonel J. S. Hall, who was blown up by a big shell and buried in the falling debris one day on the Somme battlefield some months ago, has sufficiently recovered to resume his duties at the front in command of the 29th Battalion.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—R. E. Mansfield, who was United States consul general here for some years and who was succeeded by George West, has resigned the consular service. Recently he was transferred to Stockholm, but afterward declined the post.

## STEAMER SHIMBU MARU REPORTED ON SOUND

The Japanese steamer Shimbu Maru, about which the local shipping officials have been concerned the past few days, arrived at Tacoma on December 25, after a passage of 21 days from Yokohama. The vessel was posted to come to Victoria to discharge Oriental cargo, but the vessel omitted the scheduled call at this port. Local agents were advised to-day of the arrival of the Shimbu Maru on the Sound.

## HALF-HOLIDAY CASES IN COURT TO-MORROW

Preliminary Batch of Sixty Being Summoned by Police

Something like sixty Victoria merchants who kept open on Saturday afternoon and evening in contemplation of the law will be summoned to appear before the magistrate to-morrow morning and another sixty or thereabouts will be brought up later. The clerk of the court has been busy for the last day or two preparing the summonses and making preparations for the case.

Capt. Langley this morning stated that so far as he knew there were no second offence cases among those which are to be tried. All those who kept open on a former occasion were apparently closed last Saturday. The result will be that no fine is likely to exceed \$10. The penalty for the second offence may go as high as \$50.

A good deal of interest is taken in these cases because of the large number who violated the law.

In Vancouver the number who kept open on Saturday was much smaller than here. The police of that city report that 67 are to answer the charge. Those that were open did a very large business.

In New Westminster most of the grocery stores, drygoods and bookstores remained open, but the men's furnishing establishments, which advertised that they would be open for business, at the last minute decided to close.

## IN INTEREST OF ROYAL FLYING CORPS

Capt. Lord Innes-Ker Guest at Government House To-day

Capt. Lord Alastair Robert Innes-Ker, D.S.A., is here to-day in connection with securing recruits for the Royal Flying Corps. He has been making a tour through Canada, spending a few days at each centre. Several days were spent in Vancouver, and he will remain here for a short time.

Already a number of Victorians have joined different branches of the aerial service. Until recently it was necessary that training should be taken on this continent before leaving for the Old Country. Some of the work was done at Toronto, but many attended the schools of aviation in the United States. Now it has been arranged that applicants who pass the preliminary examination may go to England to take their training.

No less than three applications have been made to the admiral superintendent of the dockyard at Esquimalt to-day for permission to enter the Royal Naval Air Service, which is a different branch altogether. For it is very stiff medical test is given applicants, and they must have plenty of nerve and conform to the other requirements, particulars of which can be obtained at Esquimalt. Since the beginning of the war men have been accepted for service, but of late the numbers have increased considerably. It is essentially a young man's job, and those who join must have endurance and be prepared for hardship. Only those who have been well educated are accepted.

This afternoon his honor the Lieutenant-governor gave a luncheon for the visitor, at which were present Hon. H. C. Brewster, premier of the province, and several other gentlemen whom Lord Innes-Ker desired to meet.

Lord Innes-Ker is endeavoring to interest Canadians in the service in which so many of their countrymen are doing splendid work for the empire, and to promote the establishments of aeronautical schools.

## VISIT MINISTERS

Incoming and Retiring Japanese Consuls Made Tour of Buildings This Morning.

S. Ukita, who comes to Canada as the imperial Japanese consul-general at Vancouver, is in the city to-day to see his predecessor, Katsushi Abe, away on the Empress of Asia to-morrow.

This morning Mr. Abe brought his successor around the parliament buildings and introduced him to Premier Brewster and to the several ministers. It is understood that Mr. Ukita will take up several matters of business with the ministers later.

This afternoon Mr. Ukita and Mr. Abe were the guests of his honor Lieutenant-Governor Barnard at Government House. Before leaving Mr. Abe will be the recipient of marks of honor from the Japanese residents of the capital in recognition of the work he has done for them while consul.

## ANXIOUS FOR VOTE ON HOLIDAY QUESTION

Petitions Are Circulated Among Merchants Asking City Council for Referendum

Petitions are being circulated in the city to-day asking the city council to submit a referendum to the voters at the election which is to be held on January 11, to change the half holiday from Saturday to Wednesday afternoon. This movement is entirely independent of the census of opinion undertaken by the Retail Merchants' Association.

Over 100 separate petitions are being circulated to-day through the stores of the city and, if a referendum is to be obtained, the petitions must be handed to the city council before the end of the week, in view of the fact that the movement must be advertised for at least ten days prior to the election.

The present half holiday act requires that such petitions must be signed by at least 10 per cent. of the voters on the municipal lists.

Merchants, who are interested in the campaign, assert that little difficulty will be encountered in obtaining the necessary signatures, because public opinion in Victoria is largely in favor of the change to Wednesday, now that the Saturday afternoon has been tried and found unsatisfactory. Strong support of the movement is said to be coming from the small merchants owing to the fact that those of them who kept open on Saturday afternoon and evening to cope with the Christmas trade are being fined as heavily as the large establishments whose sales during the hours that they illegally kept open would be out of all proportion to that of the small dealer. The change to Wednesday is also being advocated by the merchants near the city limits.

They assert that while they are forced to close their establishments on Saturday afternoon dealers on the same block, but outside the city, are permitted to keep open for business. The petitions in circulation are worded as follows:

To the mayor and council of the city of Victoria: We, the undersigned electors qualified to vote at an election for mayor respectfully request that a referendum be submitted to the voters at the election on the 11th of January next pursuant to the Half Holiday Act 1916, on the question whether the half-day be on Wednesday or on Saturday.

At the last meeting of the Nanaimo city council it was decided to prepare a civic honor roll on which will be inscribed the names of all those residents of that city who have made the supreme sacrifice.

## NO SUNDAY WORK IN SHELL FACTORIES

Hours of Labor Reduced but There is No Decrease in Output

London, Dec. 27.—"Except for quite short periods, continuous work is a profound mistake and does not pay—output is not increased."

This is the conclusion arrived at after exhaustive inquiries by the health of munitions workers committee into the question of working hours and more particularly of Sunday labor.

As far as the discontinuance of Sunday labor has been arranged in all national shell factories and in the national projectile factories. In the latter factories exception will be made in the case of rectification of shells and the cleaning of shops.

Many firms reported that "seven days' labor only produced six days' output." The workers themselves were at first attracted by the high rate of wages for Sunday work, but soon found that they soon began to "lose time."

The committee, which includes amongst its members representatives of the home office, admiralty and supply departments of the ministry of munitions, has approved the terms of the new munitions or war general order, recently made by the home office, under which the hours of labor for women and girls have been reduced to a maximum total of 60 per week, and the hours for boys under 18 to a maximum

total of 63 per week, except when employed on the overtime system, when a maximum of 66 is sanctioned.

Already 120 of the controlled establishments which had employed Sunday labor have intimated that they have discontinued it, and in one case, but of a munitions works in the Midlands, it is reported that in a period of 10 weeks following the cessation of Sunday labor, no reduction of output has been caused by the restriction of hours.

## JACK LONDON WAS BOXING ENTHUSIAST

When Jack London died in California a few weeks ago the world lost one of its greatest fight fans.

London, always a lover of a fight, saw them all over the world, and would travel across the country to see a good one.

He was in Australia when Jack Johnson knocked out Tommy Burns, and it was this same Jack London who called the Johnson grin "the golden smile."

London was in Colma the day that Jim Coffroth brought together those two great rivals, Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson.

London, a "Native Son," had bet quite a few beans on Britt, the other "Native," and sat there at the ringside really expecting Jimmy to crush the Dane easily.

Round after round, however, Nelson kept tearing in taking all that Britt had, and by the time the decision was made gradually London and his cronies were becoming nervous.

Nothing stopped him. Finally he knocked Britt cold under the ropes, then helped carry him to his corner.

In his story of that battle, London said that there was only one fighter in the world like Nelson and dubbed him the "abysmal brute."

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## FURTHER DATA ON TAX DELINQUENCY

Information Sought by Alderman Todd Will Be Secured From Officials

The additional information with regard to tax delinquency sought in Alderman Todd's motion will be furnished, the city council decided at its meeting last evening. The next meeting of the committee, which it is proposed to enlarge by the addition of outside members, forming a representative citizens' committee, will be held on January 3.

There was some discussion with regard to the details under which expropriation of lands was undertaken in past years. Most of the arrangements were made verbally and no records now exist.

Alderman Todd explained that his extended committee, as mentioned above, would consist of 22-11 from the council and 11 outside to sit either together or separately.

Alderman Todd stated that he would want some assurance with regard to the personnel of the committee. He believed the better way would be to welcome information from all quarters, irrespective of associations.

Alderman Todd foresaw the necessity of some provision being made to secure continuous advice on the matter. The whole object of suggesting the committee was to secure protection of the interests of the smallholder. He believed that it would be easily possible to secure 11 competent men.

The resolution was then adopted, leaving the selection of the citizens' committee to the council members later.

While it might appear like locking the stable after the horse was stolen, Alderman Porter's metaphor in introducing a motion to apply to the legislature to abandon the right of petition under the local improvement act, the resolution was agreed to. Alderman Todd seconded. Alderman Fullerton wanted the petition to be fixed at 75 per cent. of the owners in numbers and value.

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